Meeting of Federal Open Market Committee

May 5, 1978

MINUTES OF ACTIONS

A meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee was held on Friday, May 5, 1978, at 9:30 a.m. This was a telephone conference meeting, and each individual was in Washington, D. C., except as otherwise indicated in parentheses in the following list of those participating.

PARTICIPATING: Mr. Miller

Mr. Baughman (Dallas)

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Partee
Mr. Wallich

Mr. Willes (Minneapolis)

Mr. Winn (Plattsburg, Missouri)

Mr. Volcker (New York)

Mr. Black, Alternate for

Mr. Eastburn (Richmond)

Mr. Broida, Secretary

Mr. Altmann, Deputy Secretary

Mr. O'Connell, General Counsel

Mr. Axilrod, Economist

Messrs. Burns (Dallas), R. Davis (New York), Kichline, Paulus (Minneapolis), and Truman, Associate Economists

Mr. Pardee, Deputy Manager for Foreign Operations (New York)

- Mr. Sternlight, Deputy Manager for Domestic Operations (New York)
- Mr. Coyne, Assistant to the Board of Governors
- Mrs. Deck, Staff Assistant, Open Market Secretariat, Board of Governors
- Mr. Broaddus (Richmond), Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

With Messrs. Black and Willes dissenting, the Committee directed the Desk, until further instructed, to seek to maintain the weekly-average Federal funds rate at about the prevailing level of 7-1/4 per cent, with any deviations tending to be in the direction of higher rather than lower funds rates.

The meeting adjourned.

Secretary