

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE Jan. 12, 1945

TO Mr. Brenner
FROM Mr. Speck

I have just received from W. R. Johnson, Commissioner of Customs, a memorandum on your first draft of the Fund and Bank Joint Resolution, which suggests the addition of the following to section 1:

"All officers and employees of the United States are hereby authorized and directed to comply with the terms of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund and the Bank."

The reasons for this suggested amendment are set forth in the following paragraph:

"Although the intent of the joint resolution apparently is to put the terms of the agreements into effect, it is not altogether clear that the language used would accomplish that result. It is suggested that there be inserted in the resolution a more direct statement that the terms of the agreements are to become law. Unless the resolution accomplishes that result, the usages of international courtesy and the existing customs laws would by no means permit full allowance of the privileges which the agreements promise regarding immunity of the property of the Fund and the Bank."

While I am not persuaded that the suggested additional sentence is necessary to make binding on the United States all of the terms and provisions of the articles, upon their being signed pursuant to statutory direction, if there is the slightest doubt in anyone's mind, I should prefer to play it safe by including the amendatory language. Of course, this question will not arise and the amendatory language will not be needed if it should be finally decided that the Articles of Agreement be set forth in the Joint Resolution.

*Note from Lux -
Dick - Can we whip in a wing
without making it conspicuous
If we can it might please Acheson too*

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