

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

EBAP/83/158

June 15, 1983

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: Governors' Per Diem Allowances at Meetings
of the Board of Governors

The most recent study of the adequacy of the per diem allowances for Governors and Alternate Governors in connection with attendance at Annual Meetings was undertaken in 1980. As a result, the allowances were then increased from \$100 to \$140 for each night that attendance at the Meetings requires them to spend away from their normal place of residence, and from \$15 to \$25 per night when accommodation is included in the price of transportation.

As indicated in Attachments I, II, and III, costs have risen sharply between 1980 and 1983. As of April 1983, the average daily subsistence costs likely for Governors and Alternate Governors in Washington, D.C., were approximately as shown in Attachment I (based on single room costs at the four hotels that about 95 per cent of the Governors and Alternate Governors are expected to be using during the Annual Meetings). The costs for other accommodation in Washington are shown in Attachment II and the costs for subsistence in Attachment III. Taking the above factors into account, and also recognizing the desirability of having as long an interval as possible before the next adjustment, it is recommended that the two per diem allowances be increased by approximately 32 per cent to \$185 and \$33, respectively. Governors and Alternate Governors would also receive their actual transport expenses to and from the place of meeting. (Changes in Governors' allowances since 1946 are shown in Attachment IV).

Similar proposals are being placed before the Executive Directors of the World Bank and its Affiliates. The following draft decision is proposed for adoption by the Executive Board:

The Executive Board approves the recommendation contained in EBAP/83/158 (6/15/83) regarding per diem allowances for Governors and Alternate Governors during attendance at meetings of the Board of Governors.

In the absence of an objection by an Executive Director by the close of business on Friday, June 24, 1983, the proposed decision will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

Att: (4)

Other Distribution:
Department Heads

Average Daily Subsistence Costs in Washington

	1980	April 1983	Percentage Increase Since 1980 Annual Meetings
Single room	\$74.80	\$99.00 ^{1/}	32
Meals	44.75	55.36 ^{2/}	24
D.C. meal tax (8 per cent)	3.58	4.43 ^{3/}	24
D.C. lodging tax	5.98	9.90 ^{3/}	66
D.C. occupancy tax	.80	1.00	25
Gratuities	6.71	8.86 ^{4/}	32
Other expenses: e.g., transportation, valet, local telephone calls, etc.	<u>7.00</u>	<u>9.90</u>	<u>41</u>
	\$143.62	\$188.45	31

1/ Single room costs at the four hotels listed in Attachment II.

2/ Includes a 5 per cent increase expected before the Annual Meetings.

3/ Lodging tax has increased from 8 per cent to 10 per cent.

4/ Gratuities increased from 15 per cent to 16 per cent.

Average Midpoints of Room Costs in the Four Washington Hotels
Used by Majority of Governors 1/

(In U.S. dollars)

Hotels	Single			Double			One-Bedroom Suite		
	1980	1983	Average Increase	1980	1983	Average Increase	1980	1983	Average Increase
Sheraton Washington)									
Shoreham)	75	99	32%	86	117	36%	200	245+	23%+
Washington Hilton)									
Watergate)									

1/ The figures given compare current charges at hotels where Governors will be assigned accommodation against those rates charged during the 1980 Annual Meetings held in Washington. The rates quoted do not include the District of Columbia lodging tax (currently 10 per cent) or a \$1.00 per room occupancy tax.

Subsistence (Other than Room) Costs in Washington,, D.C.

(In U.S. dollars)

	1980 ^{1/}	1983 ^{2/}	Increase
Meals:			
Breakfast	6.75	8.24	
Lunch	13.00	18.72	
Dinner	<u>25.00</u>	<u>28.40</u>	
Total	44.75	55.36	24%
Transportation:			
Taxi from Bank/Fund to Sheraton Washington	<u>2.15</u>	<u>3.00</u>	40%

1/ Median priced meals in the hotels shown in Attachment II--dinner is in the hotels' better restaurants. Figures do not include taxes or gratuities.

2/ Luncheon and dinners include appetizer, soup/salad, entree, and dessert. Beverages and wines not included. The above prices include an expected 5 per cent price increase before the Annual Meetings.

Governors' Per Diem Allowance

(In U.S. dollars)

<u>Year of Change</u>	<u>Per Diem Allowance</u>	<u>Reduced Allowance^{1/}</u>
1946	50	10
1964	75	10
1977	100	15
1980	140	25

1/ When accommodation is included in the price of transportation.