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Arthur C. Prebay, Authorized Certifying Officer

Bureau of the Mint

Treasury Department

Dear Mr. Prebay:

Reference is made to your letter of April 28, 1950, requesting to be advised as to whether the voucher enclosed therein covering a proposed transfer of \$65,000 from the appropriation "2001616.001 Salaries and Expenses, Bureau of the Mint, 1950," to the National Bureau of Standards, for credit to the working fund "1305906 Working Fund, Commerce, Standards, 1950," may be certified for payment.

The proposed transfer is described on the voucher as an advance payment for the (1) establishment of a valid process for inspection of coin blanks and its reduction to a basic design for automatic blank selection equipment, (2) establishment of a satisfactory method for high speed process weighing and its adaptation to a basic design for automatic blank weighing equipment, (3) development and fabrication of production type equipment for automatic selection and weighing, embodying the basic designs evolved in phases (1) and (2), and (4) operational study, collaborative with the Bureau of the Mint, on utilization and performance of production equipment provided under phase (3).

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It is provided in 31 U.S. Code 275 that—

"The Superintendent of coining department shall execute all the operations which are necessary in order to form coins, conformable in all respects to the law, from the standard gold and silver ingots, and alloys for minor coinage, legally delivered to him for that purpose * * *."

In view of the foregoing provision of law, and since the appropriation involved is available for necessary expenses of the Bureau of the Mint, it appears that the appropriation properly may be charged with the cost of the proposed project. It having been administratively determined that the Bureau of Standards is able to assist in the work on such project, the proposed advance of funds would appear to be within the purview of section 601 of the act of June 30, 1932, 47 Stat. 417, as amended. Accordingly, the voucher if otherwise correct may be certified for payment.

The voucher and supporting documents are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Acting ^{James L. Yates} Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

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—and the Code of Laws of the United States

DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

Services between

Payments

Services rendered by Bureau of Standards for Bureau of Mint

the Bureau of Standards
and the Bureau of Mint
in the year 1902

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The Bureau of Standards is authorized to make such payments as may be necessary for the execution of the work of the Bureau of Standards in the year 1902. It is the policy of the Bureau of Standards to make such payments as may be necessary for the execution of the work of the Bureau of Standards in the year 1902. It is the policy of the Bureau of Standards to make such payments as may be necessary for the execution of the work of the Bureau of Standards in the year 1902.

Respectfully,
Director

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of the United States

Director