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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., October 26, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Sir:-

I received your letter notifying me of the receipt by you of drafts from the First National Bank and John B. Farwell of Chicago, requesting that you ship them one-cent pieces. Upon inquiry of the Treasurer of the United States this morning, I learn that the Assistant Treasurer in Chicago has a stock of one-cent pieces on hand.

You will therefore return the checks to the senders. Should it become necessary to ship one-cent pieces from the Mint to any city in which there is a sub-treasury located, I deem it advisable that a shipment of a sufficient amount should be made to the Assistant Treasurer in such city on transfer orders, drawn by the Treasurer. For the reason that when we make shipments from the Mint, the coins are delivered by the Express Company to the party desiring the same, and it has been proven by past experience, that merchants and others in the large cities prefer to send to the Mint direct rather than to take the trouble to apply to the sub-treasury. Hence the minor coins become redundant and are presented to the Treasury for redemption in large amounts.

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Director of the Mint.

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Respectfully yours, R.E. Preston Director of the Mint.