

## Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

June 15, 1895.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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It is necessary that you should have this amount on hand to meet such transfer orders as may be drawn by the Treasurer of the United States upon you, for coins of the denominations above mentioned.

In regard to the coinage of gold, I would state that when it is resumed, which should be as early as possible, you will, until further instructed confine the coinage to eagles and half-eagles in about equal proportions.

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