

Q Do you know whether the Farmers Bank was endeavoring to secure these deposits at that time?

MR. SMITH: I object to that as incompetent and irrelevant.

Q Do you know whether or not other interests were negotiating for this Christianburg property at the time you were of your own personal knowledge?

MR. SMITH: I object to that as incompetent and irrelevant.

THE EXAMINER: I think so too, I don't see what that has to do with this.

MR. WHITLEY: We are trying --

THE EXAMINER: (Interposing) We are only interested in the part of the respondent or its subsidiaries took in this. If other people tried to get it we are not interested in it.

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q Do you know whether the Christianburg property was ever deposited of the Christianburg deposit?

THE EXAMINER: As I understand it your negotiations for the Christianburg property were never completed?

THE WITNESS: They were never completed.

MR. SMITH: I object to that as incompetent and irrelevant.

Q At the time you received that telegram, state whether or not you were still carrying on negotiations for the acquisition of the Christianburg deposit?

A The negotiations were active at the time I received that telegram.