

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF  
ST. LOUIS

November 14, 1941

AIR MAIL

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman  
Board of Governors  
Federal Reserve System  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Marriner:

Yesterday, during the meeting of our Board with the Little Rock Directors, Mr. Nardin and I had a chance to talk about your visit here next Tuesday and Wednesday. I believe he has enough work outlined for you to keep you fairly well occupied on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. On Tuesday evening, the Federal Reserve Club of this bank installs the new officers for the coming year. The dinner will be here in the bank at 6:30 o'clock. The officers of the Club and the officers of the bank are very anxious to have you as the guest at this dinner. Mr. Nardin, Mr. Maestre and Mr. Harris, three local directors, will attend. The program will be very brief and should be out of the way by 8:30 o'clock.

If you can arrange to do so, I would very much like to have you as my guest for lunch on Wednesday and I think it would be fine if you could spend some time that afternoon visiting here with the officers of the bank, although we can easily arrange free time for anything you might prefer to do.

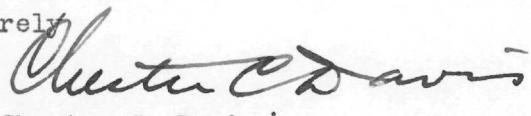
On Wednesday evening, Helen and I want you and Mr. and Mrs. Nardin for a quiet family dinner, after which we will drive you to the airport.

I don't think our end of this program need to be tiring for you. The Federal Reserve Club would like to have you make a short talk of perhaps fifteen or twenty minutes. You will not need to open up anything heavy; just a friendly talk between associates.

It is going to be fine to see you and all of us are looking forward to it.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Chester C. Davis  
President

December 4, 1941.

Dear Chester,

I don't know when I enjoyed any trip more than I did my recent one west with two days in St. Louis and four and a half days in Utah. The plane trip from St. Louis to Salt Lake was not bad in spite of the fact that there was considerable wind and we arrived an hour late in Salt Lake.

It was good to see and visit with all of my family (except Johnny, who is in Palo Alto at school), as well as Mother, my brothers and two of my sisters and their families. This was the first time I have been able to spend Thanksgiving in Utah with the family in all of the time I have been East.

Since I returned to Washington, I have been so busy with current, as well as accumulated, matters that I have not had time to write you before expressing my appreciation for all of the many thoughtful and courteous things you did to make my stay in St. Louis pleasant. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute I was there, and particularly the visit I had with you and Helen. Please tell Helen I greatly enjoyed the excellent dinner and the evening with you at your apartment.

You, no doubt, will be coming to Washington to attend the Presidents' Conference the 11th and 12th of this month, so I will be looking forward to seeing you at that time.

With warmest personal regards to Helen and you,

Sincerely,

Mr. Chester Davis,  
President,  
Federal Reserve Bank  
of St. Louis,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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December 6, 1941

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman,  
Board of Governors of the  
Federal Reserve System,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Marriner:

It was thoughtful of you to write so generously about your visit here. It was a highlight for us. As you probably know, Helen is an ardent admirer and booster of yours. She thinks you ought to be President. So you can understand how much your visit meant to us.

Bill Batt called me yesterday and asked me to preside at the public hearing on copper production scheduled, I believe, for next Friday. I don't know anything about it but agreed to help out if they still want me next week.

I expect to be in Washington Wednesday morning. I know you have lots to think about but I wish you would be turning over the copper situation in your mind so that I can benefit from any suggestion you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Chester C. Davis*

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President.