

February 12, 1935.

AIR MAIL

Mr. H. W. Ogden, President,
The Commercial Club of Boston
The Merchants Club,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Ogden:

In reply to your letter of February 2nd, in checking the trains here we find that it will be the most convenient for Mr. Eccles to leave Washington on the Pennsylvania Railroad at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening, February 15th, and arrive at the South Station (not the Back Bay Station as you suggest) at 6:50 a.m. We are of the understanding that the South Station is only about a three to five minute ride from the Back Bay Station and that it will not be necessary to detrain at the South Station until 7:25, while if Mr. Eccles got off at the Back Bay Station he would have to leave the train at 6:45.

You suggested in your letter that you were going to meet Mr. Eccles at the train. Mr. Eccles suggests that, in view of the fact that it is such an early hour in the morning, he will be very glad to take a taxi and meet you at the Algonquin Club later to have breakfast with you so that you will not have to get down to the train so early in the morning.

Mr. Eccles is bringing with him his assistant, Mr. Lawrence Clayton. Mr. Clayton attended the Harvard Law School for three years, receiving his degree in 1917, and thereafter served overseas with Yankee (26th) Division. He anticipates with pleasure the opportunity of seeing some of his old friends during his short stay in Boston. Mr. Eccles, of course, would appreciate it if it could be arranged for Mr. Clayton to attend the dinner in the evening at which he is to be the speaker.

With reference to Mr. Eccles' appearance before your club on February 18th, this is to advise you that he does not wish any publicity whatever on the matter and if possible he would prefer not having any reporters present at the gathering. His reason for this is that he feels he has already had, in his opinion, too much publicity on banking and other matters. He hopes that you will find it agreeable to comply with his wishes.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. W. S. Eccles.

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