



First Security Bank of Idaho

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

LEWISTON BRANCH

LEWISTON, IDAHO

April 6, 1951

Mr. Marriner S. Eccles
c/o Board of Governors
Federal Reserve System
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Marriner:

I am sorry I did not get to see you to say goodbye. This morning Lynn called me to say that you were thinking along the same lines so Lynn delivered your message; that it is not your habit to fail to thank people for favors and say goodbye. I knew this to be true and was sorry that I did not get around to shake hands with you when you were leaving.

In order to get that crowd divided up, to separate the sheep from the goats as it were, it was necessary that someone act as a bell-wether. Mr. Triplett elected me to do that job. It was necessary that I take the part of the crowd that Mr. Triplett and Mr. Ferris apparently felt were unwanted and deliver them to Harold Minor, who was in charge of the refreshment room for the Seattle First National Bank. This I did and, after excusing myself, I immediately fell into vile company made up of representatives of the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle. They insisted that I drink with them and, as it was late to join your party, that I also have dinner with them. This I did hoping to get away every moment to go to President Compton's home where I understood the Ferris-Triplett party and our party were invited to dinner. According to Lynn, this was a misunderstanding on the part of Triplett and Ferris as everybody had to eat at some Hall.

It certainly was very nice of you to stop here and burden yourself with the splendid address you made before the Board of Directors of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce and their guests. You cannot realize (because people will not make the statements directly to you) the appreciation and good will your appearance in Lewiston created. Many people have stopped me on the street and many others remarked to Mr. Dammarell and Mr. Jesse that your talk was the most outstanding that they had heard in years. The attorney for our bank in Northern Idaho stated that he had never heard such a forceful address on the current topics of the day in layman's language.

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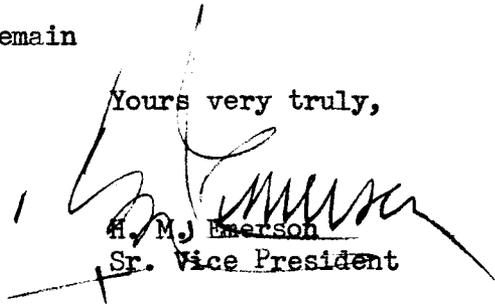
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Also, there were many comments that came to me at Pullman and they were all favorable.

We are all very glad, indeed, that you came to Lewiston and are only sorry that you could not stay longer. Unlike "Elliott", you can speak again at Lewiston at any time you choose.

With kind personal regards, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. M. Emerson', is written over a typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive.

H. M. Emerson
Sr. Vice President

HME:ms

cc: J. L. Driscoll
Boise Branch

May 3, 1951.

Mr. H. M. Emerson,
Senior Vice President,
First Security Bank of Idaho, N.A.,
Lewiston, Idaho.

Dear Harry:

I should have replied before now to your very thoughtful letter of April 6. I did not return to Washington until the middle of April and I am just beginning to get caught up with the work which accumulated while I was away.

I want you to know how much I enjoyed my trip to Lewiston and Pullman. It was a pleasure and privilege for me to meet so many people in such a short space of time and to see so much of a most interesting and beautiful section of the country. I am glad the First Security is in that part of Idaho and that its business is so efficiently handled and ably represented by you and the other men you have associated with you in the organization.

I am indebted to you for the opportunity I had to speak to the members of your Chamber of Commerce and also to go through the plant of the Potlatch Forests, Inc., and meet and have luncheon with the officials of that organization. I am very pleased to know that you feel my appearance in Lewiston and the remarks I made were well received, and that I helped create some good will for you.

I regret that I had to leave Pullman with Lynn and Mr. Triplett without having an opportunity to thank you for all your courtesies to me and to say Goodbye. I will look forward to seeing you again soon in the West.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles.