

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE MARRINER S ECCLES

The attached letter from Senator Burke
is referred to you by the President's direc-
tion.



M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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January
2nd,
1936.

Dear Mr. President:

Confirming the oral statement which I made to you in behalf of Judge J. J. Thomas, who has been suggested for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, I wish to express again my very deep interest in his selection.

Since I talked to you on the subject I have had occasion to sound the sentiment of leading citizens in all walks of life in Nebraska and other mid-western States. All who are acquainted with Judge Thomas are convinced that by training, education and experience he is qualified to render an increasingly valuable service in the position which he seeks. Those of us who live in Nebraska, and have known Judge Thomas intimately through the years, are very certain that his appointment would be a fitting one.

I know that you have been giving this matter your serious attention, and I merely want to reemphasize the very high respect in which I hold Judge Thomas and the strong belief that I entertain that he is exceptionally well qualified and deserving.

Very respectfully yours,

Edward R. Burke

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The President of the United States,
The White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1935

Respectfully referred to Governor
Marriner S. Eccles, Federal Reserve Board.

M. H. M.
M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

December 21, 1935

*copy for
Frank Walker*

My dear Senator:

The President asked me to thank you for your note of December eighteenth, and confidentially, asked me to check up on the rumors you referred to.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

Honorable George W. Norris,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

GEORGE W. NORRIS
NEBRASKA

*W.C. + C.C.
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E.R.*
United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 18, 1935.

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER.

My dear Mr. President:

I have taken it for granted that Judge J. J. Thomas would be reappointed to the new Federal Reserve Board, but within the last few days rumors have continued to reach me that in making up this new Board his name has been omitted from the list.

I think it would be a mistake if Judge Thomas were not reappointed. From what I know about the activities of the Board, I think he has been one of its most useful members.

I sincerely trust these rumors which have reached me are without foundation and that Judge Thomas will be reappointed to the new Federal Reserve Board.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE W. NORRIS

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

At Warm Springs, Ga.,
November 22, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR

GOVERNOR ECCLES

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

F. D. R.

Washington, D. C.
November 19, 1935

Honorable Daniel C. Roper
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am dictating this letter in your office because, since my arrival here, I find the President is planning to leave for Warm Springs tomorrow or the next day and, knowing as I do the many pressing matters that are upon him, I hesitate to ask for a conference, which I expected to do when I came to the city. So I am imposing upon you to see that this letter is placed in the hands of the President.

As you are aware, the banks in which I am interested are all in the Tenth Federal Reserve District. Because of this fact, I have had occasion to see a great deal of Judge J. J. Thomas, now a member of the Federal Reserve Board. The last few years I have been a member of the Federal Advisory Council and have had many contacts with both the full Board and particularly with Judge Thomas, who lives in the State Nebraska which is a part of the Tenth District.

As a banker and a farmer and as a member of the Federal Advisory Council from my District, opportunity has been offered me to judge the character and fitness of Judge Thomas for appointment as one of the Governors of the Federal Reserve Board. Aside from being one of the prominent lawyers of his state, he has been active in agricultural pursuits for thirty years. He is regarded as an authority on agricultural and livestock problems and I shall be sorely disappointed if the fine work he has done as a member of the present Federal Reserve Board is not recognized by the President with the reappointment of Judge Thomas.

Very sincerely,

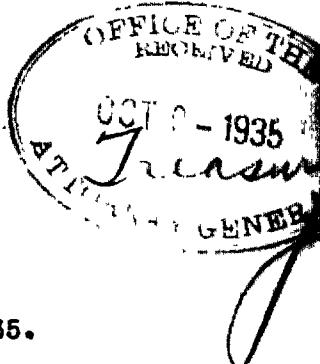
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William T. Kemper,
Chairman of the Board,
National Bank of Commerce,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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FREMONT, NEBRASKA



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Oct. 1, 1935.

The President,
The White House.

My dear Mr. President:-

I wish to recommend to you the reappointment to the Federal Reserve Board of Judge J. J. Thomas of Seward, Nebr., who is now Vice-Governor.

Judge Thomas of course is one of our leading citizens and is agriculturally-minded and agriculturally educated, as well as having the qualifications of a lawyer and a business man, and no doubt well qualified in every particular for the position he now holds on that Board.

With very kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Dan V. Stephens
Dan V. Stephens.

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RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR CONSIDERATION

Louis McHenry

Secy. to President.