

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION  
Washington

January 5, 1943

My dear Senator:

I wish to apologize for my delay in acknowledging your letter of the 17th.

The question of insuring the deposits of the Bank of Nevada at Las Vegas is a matter which I would be very happy to discuss with you at your convenience, either in my office or your office whichever you prefer.

The three banking agencies are well aware of their responsibility under law to determine the eligibility of applicant banks for insurance. They recognize, too, from past experience the great losses suffered by depositors from over expansion of credit, and for that reason, they are unalterably opposed to further expansion of the already extensive branch banking conducted by the Bank of America. I am sure that if you will consider the tremendous risk concentration we have in the Bank of America, you will understand our genuine concern over the problem presented by this application.

I should like very much to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Leo Crowley  
Chairman

Honorable J. G. Scrugham,  
U. S. Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. W. W. Hopper, President  
First National Bank of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Hopper:

The above self-explanatory copy of a letter is for your information.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. G. Scrugham

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