

May 18, 1935.

Mr. A. P. Giannini, Chairman,
Bank of America N. T. & S. A.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Giannini:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 14, enclosing copy of your article for the magazine "Today" and also the letter of May 15, signed by Mr. Romero, enclosing a corrected draft of the same article. The additions have been noted and we all feel that they are an improvement over the original draft.

I desire also to acknowledge your letter of May 15, enclosing clipping from the paper of the Ed E. Leake Publishing Company, evidently of Woodland, California. It is gratifying to see that your report of the Banking Bill, particularly your answer to Mr. Warburg, has attained such wide publicity.

Your letter of May 15 also enclosed a copy of Mr. Collins' letter to you dated May 10, in which he commented on the testimony of Governor Eccles and the remarks of Senator Glass with reference to branch banking. Mr. Collins did not mention in his letter, although I suppose the transcript of the evidence showed that Governor Eccles gave as his opinion that branch banking even across State lines but within trade areas would ultimately be permitted.

Entirely aside from the question of unification and better control of the money system, an extension of branch banking, ~~at least~~ so far as that proposed by Senator Glass, would find ready support here in my opinion as it is an essential arrangement in order to provide safe and ample banking facilities in the smaller communities.

With best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

Lawrence Clayton,
Assistant to the Governor.

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