

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON

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May 13, 1948.

Mr. Allan Sproul, President,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York 45, New York.

Dear Allan:

The ticker tape carried the following statement
yesterday:

"More and more it seems to have become the
habit to think of the System as a head office
in Washington with 12 branches or subsidiaries
in the 12 Federal Reserve Districts, and even
to forget that the Board of Governors is a
Board and not a Chairman with deputies, great
though the powers of the Chairman may be. More
and more it has become the habit to minimize
the value or deny the propriety of any private
participation in the affairs of the System.
I oppose these tendencies."

If you are correctly quoted, I want you to know
that I consider your statement unfair, untrue, and con-
trary to the best interests of the Reserve System.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Evans.