

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

April 14, 1947.

Dear Maple:

Quite by chance and much to my surprise, I learned that at the meeting arranged by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation with State Bank Supervisors, an opportunity was given to Mr. Walter French, Deputy Manager of the American Bankers Association, and Mr. Robert M. Hanes, former President of the American Bankers Association, to present their arguments against S. 408, which would continue and improve the authority of the Federal Reserve to render service to all commercial banks through guarantee in part of loans. I am advised both by Mr. John D. Hospelhorn and by Mr. Elliott Bell that the arrangements for this meeting were made not by the supervisors, but by someone at the FDIC.

When I heard about this, I got in touch with some of the State Bank Supervisors, who said they would be glad to give me an opportunity to be heard on the other side. Accordingly, I spent about an hour on Friday afternoon discussing the bill with them from the Board's standpoint.

While I do not know how French and Hanes managed to maneuver themselves into the meeting, it was hardly in accordance with that spirit of cooperation which you and I want to maintain. In the interest of continued good relations, I wanted to bring the matter to your attention because I felt confident that had you realized the one-sidedness of the arrangement you would not have permitted it to take place under the auspices of the FDIC, and would want to do whatever is appropriate to avoid occurrences of this sort in the future.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable Maple T. Harl,
Chairman, Federal Deposit
Insurance Corporation,
Washington 25, D. C.

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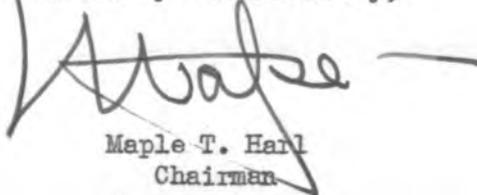
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Honorable Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman
Board of Governors
Federal Reserve System
Washington, D. C.

Dear Marriner:

Replying to your personal and confidential letter of April 14, 1947, please be advised that in checking into this situation I am reliably informed that a representative of the American Bankers Association contacted Mr. Richard Rapport, First Vice President, National Association of Supervisors of State Banks, regarding Mr. Robert N. Hanes' appearance and that John D. Hospelhorn, Chairman of the Executive Committee of said organization, introduced Mr. Hanes to the group at the conclusion of the scheduled program. I was not present, therefore, did not hear Mr. Hanes and have not discussed the matter with any member of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks.

Cordially and sincerely,



Maple T. Harl
Chairman