

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Date 12-30-47

To, Mr. Thurston

Om Mr. Young

MESSAGE:

I have no recollection of the particular quote, but the Chairman or anybody else could have said it. To locate it we would have to comb the record, and it isn't that important to accommodate Adams' request. He's a nice fellow in the investment department of the Central Hanover, who does a lot of articles for Banking, of which an occasional one is good.

Ray

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Mr. Young:

Ralph: Can you
identify this
alleged quote - ?

Thanks (either
way)

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized, flowing 'E' and 'S'.

11 Buckingham Place,
Norwalk, Conn.

Dec. 27, 1947.

Mr. Elliott Thurston,
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Thurston,

One of the newspapers quoted Mr. Eccles
as having made a statement along the following lines before
the Senate committee in his recent testimony:

"There may be a substantial transfer of debt
from the hands of institutional investors
to Treasury investment accounts, etc. in the
coming year."

Could you be good enough to inform me
whether Mr. Eccles did make such a statement and if so,
just how it was worded?

Incidentally, I am writing to you at the
suggestion of a mutual friend of ours, Lee Pizer. We were
unable to locate this statement in the transcript of the
testimony and Lee suggested that you might be able to clear
the matter up for me. Your help would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. Sherman Adams

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January 5, 1948.

Mr. E. Sherman Adams,
11 Buckingham Place,
Norwalk, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is to acknowledge your letter of December 27. In the course of his numerous appearances before committees of Congress in the special session, Mr. Eccles may have made the statement which you quote, but our staff people who attended the hearings do not recall it and we have been unable to identify it in the text. I am particularly regretful that I cannot clear the matter up inasmuch as Lee Piser referred you to me.

Sincerely yours,

Elliott Thurston,
Assistant to the Chairman.

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