

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF CLEVELAND

RAY M. GIDNEY, PRESIDENT

March 20, 1951

Dear Marriner:

I am glad to have your letter of March 13 and to note that your plans will bring you to Cleveland some time on Friday, April 20. The way things have developed, it seems likely that there will be events on Friday which would make impracticable a luncheon or dinner of the kind I had thought of arranging. April 20th is the opening day of the baseball season and The National City Bank of Cleveland has a traditional baseball party including luncheon at 12 o'clock at the Hotel Hollenden which is across the street from the Federal Reserve Bank. You probably will receive an invitation from Mr. Sidney B. Congdon, President of The National City Bank. There are other baseball parties going on the same day and I think the best arrangement would be for us to go to the National City's baseball party, if that would suit you.

In the evening, The 50 Club which, as its name implies, is made up of the business leaders of Cleveland, will be having their April dinner-meeting and the speaker is to be Senator Brien McMahon, Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. I think that you would enjoy attending the meeting and believe that to be the best move we can make. When I learned that their meeting was that evening, I rather hoped that they could have you as the speaker but it was some time before I was able to reach President Lindseth and their arrangements had already been made.

For Saturday morning, I expect that The City Club would like to have you meet the newspapermen. We are making reservation for you at the Hotel Statler and will arrange to have a modest suite so that the news conference can conveniently be held there. The City Club proceedings usually continue fairly well into the afternoon. However, since the days are lengthening, we could arrange some afternoon golf at the Pepper Pike Club if you would like to do it.

I tried to reach you by telephone yesterday but found you were away from Washington for about three weeks so I am sending

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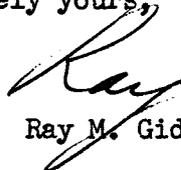
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this letter along in the hope that it will be forwarded to
you.

With cordial greetings and looking forward to having you
in Cleveland, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ray", written in dark ink.

Ray M. Gidney

Hon. M. S. Eccles
Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System
Washington 25, D. C.

March 26, 1951.

Mr. Ray M. Gidney, President,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Ray:

Your letter of March 20th in reply to mine of March 13th has been forwarded to me in Utah. I note what you say about the luncheon plans of Sid Congdon of the National City Bank and also about the evening dinner-meeting of the 50 Club. I have received a letter from Sid inviting me to join his group and I have just written to him accepting the invitation. With reference to the evening meeting, so far as I know at the present time I have no other arrangements for the evening and if you are going to attend I should be glad to do so.

I appreciate your making reservations for me at the Statler Hotel. I expect to be in Cleveland just over the one night and I will be returning to Washington just as soon as I can conveniently do so after the meeting with the 50 Club.

I appreciate your offer to arrange a golf game for me at the Pepper Pike Club, but I believe it would suit me best to return to Washington as I would not have any golfing paraphernalia with me.

I will be looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

M. S. Eccles.