

*Confirmation  
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September 25, 1935.

Dear Governor:

While I have, as you have, been morally certain of the main source of the recent, but now ended, poison, I had the first direct confirmation just a few moments ago from the Associated Press man at the Treasury, Charles P. Shaeffer. He dropped in and in a confidential mood referred to what you already know of how, when your original appointment as Governor was first predicted by the Associated Press, the official in question telephoned to the United Press very late at night to deny the report and intimate that he himself was to be chosen.

Shaeffer went on to say that this same official, first to Wilcox of the American Banker and then to Gridley of the United Press, both of whom are very close to him, had set in motion the current stories that you were at odds with the Secretary and would not be renamed to head this Board.

I am sending this along confidentially to you merely as a matter of information or confirmation of what we suspected, but now have definitely nailed down for the first time.

Faithfully,

(Signed) Elliott Thurston

Chairman M. S. Eccles,  
Ogden, Utah.

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