

October 9, 1936

Honorable Harry S. Truman
United States Senator
Kansas City, Missouri

My dear Senator Truman:

I have your letter of October 5th with reference to Mr. James K. Vardaman, Jr., and his qualifications. As you are aware, the question of filling the remaining vacancy on this Board is a matter entirely of the President's prerogatives, but I shall of course be glad to present the information you have sent me in case I am called upon for advice in this connection.

As you know, the appointment of Chester Davis to this Board provides the agricultural representative required by law, and since he lived most of his life in Montana and his work in agriculture has been nation-wide in its scope, I think you will agree that he may be said to be representative of the agricultural west beyond the Mississippi River. Moreover, as I have spent practically all of my life west of the Mississippi River and am appointed to the Board from the twelfth Federal Reserve district, I feel that we now have representation on the Board from the west. I mention this because it seems to me that it would be better to base Mr. Vardaman's qualifications on other grounds than that of agricultural representative or representative of the country west of the Mississippi.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Eccles
Chairman



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