

August 10, 1936.

Mrs. William Brown Meloney,  
New York Herald Tribune,  
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Meloney:

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 6th addressed to Chairman Eccles, who is absent in the west and does not plan to return in time to participate in your Annual Forum. As he feels that the Chairman of this Board should refrain from political activities and participation in party politics, he has carefully avoided such activities and has declined to speak except upon exceptional occasions when the meetings are those of bankers or business organizations and not of a political nature.

On his behalf permit me to thank you for your cordial letter and invitation to participate in what has been and I am sure will continue to be one of the most important public forums conducted in this country.

Sincerely yours,

Elliott Thurston,  
Special Assistant  
to the Chairman.

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