

June 24, 1946

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

Further to our conversation on Friday, with reference to organization of the Council of Economic Advisors, and since you were kind enough to allow me to make some suggestions, I should like to submit for your consideration the name of John Davidson Clark, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

While I do not know Mr. Clark personally, objective inquiry has brought his name to my attention. It seems that he might meet the specifications for the contemplated assignment.

At the suggestion of Governor Evans, of the Federal Reserve System, I have procured his record, which I attach hereto for your information. That this record is impressive is obvious.

While I have not talked to Senator O'Mahoney, it is my understanding that Mr. Clark is a close personal friend. You might care, therefore, to talk to the Senator about him.

This suggestion is made with no intention to replace the two names which I gave to you on Friday. On the other hand, it is my thought that you will have advantage in reviewing the broadest possible field of prospects in the course of this selection.

Cordially yours,

J. R. Parten

Enclosure  
JRP:j

CLARK, John Davidson, coll. dean; b. Ft. Collins, Colo.,  
Sept. 26, 1884; s. Gibson and Frances Amanda (Johnson) C.; A.B.,  
U. of Neb., 1905, LL.D., same, 1938; LL.B., Columbia, 1907; Ph.D.  
Johns Hopkins, 1931; m. Joyce Broady, June 24, 1908; children --  
Robert Gregory, John Broady. Began practice of law, 1907; city  
atty. Cheyenne, 1915-17; gen. counsel Midwest Refining Co., 1919-28;  
v.p., 1921-26, pres. 1926-28, also dir., 1919-28; v.p. Standard Oil  
Co. of Ind., 1923-26, dir., 1923-28; prof. economics, U. of Denver,  
1931-34; same U. of Nev., 1934-37; lecturer economics, U. of Denver,  
1937-41; prof. of econ. and dean of Coll. of Business Administration,  
U. of Nev., since 1941; mem. Wyo. legislature, 1941; mem. Wyo. Council  
of Nat. Defense, 1941; dir. Am. Nat. Bank of Cheyenne; director Omaha  
branch, Federal Reserve Bank. Delegate Democratic Nat. Conv.,  
Baltimore, 1912. Advisor U.S. Senate Com. on Govt. Reorganization,  
1937-39. Pres. Am. Finance Assn., 1943. Mem. Am. Econ. Assn., Phi  
Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Phi, Chi Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma. Democrat.  
Episcopalian. Elk. Author: The Federal Trust Policy, 1931.  
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