

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 20, 1978

Respectfully referred to the Governor
of the Federal Reserve Board for appropriate attention.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. A. Durand".

M. A. Durand
Secretary to Mr. James Roosevelt

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
DUBUQUE COUNTY
F. J. Hickson, - County Treasurer
DUBUQUE, IOWA

July 12, 1938

James Roosevelt,
St. Mary's Hospital
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to secure, if possible, an appointment for my father.

He has been a lifetime resident of this county, which as you no doubt know has through lean years as well as good ones been consistently the Democratic stronghold of this State. This consistency is especially true of the western end of this county where my father is located in the City of Dyersville which has a population of some 2000 or so. For nearly twenty years he was the precinct committeeman (he still is) and about half of that time, (the latter half) he has been Vice-Chairman of the County Central Committee. Permit me to call attention to the vote accorded your father in his precinct. In 1932 he received somewhere over 1000 votes and Mr. Hoover about 75. The same propotion held for 1936. During these years he was in the banking business, he having held the position of cashier in a national bank there for some twenty years. Shortly after we entered the thirties his bank felt (sic) or rather became afflicted with the result that this bank was re-organized. This process was accomplished without loss of one cent to the depositors, without suspension of business at any time and without assessment on capital stock before or after the reorganiza-tion. We know of no national or state bank in this state who did as well.

Might not the selection of my father, a German Catholic Democrat be not only logical as to ability, as to political efforts for the party and a fitting reward to the afore-mentioned Democratic consistency of this county. Might it not be further evidence of your father's interest in the forgotten man. The position for which I would like to have him considered is Member of The Federal Reserve Board.

With best wishes for a complete recovery, I am,

(signed) Elmer Willenborg
Deputy Treasurer.

References:-Wm. S. Jacobson, Congressman 2nd Dist, His Sec'y
Patrick Kehoe, and former Sec'y Tom Slowie.

Address reply to me care of this office. Will visit you if you see fit.

July 25, 1938

Honorable James Roosevelt
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

This will acknowledge Miss Durand's memorandum of July 20, 1938, transmitting a letter from Mr. Elmer Willenborg, Deputy Treasurer of Dubuque County, Iowa, to yourself, in which Mr. Willenborg suggests that his father be considered for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Without discussing the question of the qualifications of Mr. Willenborg senior, for the position named, I might say that under the Federal Reserve Act only one member of the Board can be appointed from any one Federal Reserve District. Since the State of Iowa is a part of the Seventh Federal Reserve District, and since Governor M. S. Szymczak is appointed from that District, there is no existing vacancy for which Mr. Willenborg might be considered.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Eccles
Chairman

LC/fgf

