

July 16, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

This will acknowledge receipt of the copy of an undated letter from W. M. Smith of Miami Beach, Florida, to yourself. In his letter Mr. Smith advises that he desires a position with the Federal government and recites that he is qualified for positions with various departments, including the position of member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Inasmuch as Mr. Smith is a resident of Florida he could not be appointed a member of the Board at the present time since not more than one member can be appointed from the same district, and Governor Ronald Ransom is the present member from the Atlanta district which includes Florida.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Eccles
Chairman

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612 14th Place,
Miami Beach, Florida.

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

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RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

James Roosevelt.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

Again I am worrying you in regard to a ~~position with the federal~~ ^{Secretary to the President} government which is a very vital question to me.

I understand from a liable source that there are quite a few positions that would be filled if the President could find men that he felt could come up to expectation.

Some of the positions I fully realize that I could not measure up to the required expectations, but others I am sure I could well measure up to.

Such positions as second assistant secretary of labor, federal reserve board, interstate commerce, commission tax appeal, charge of customs. Such as these I feel no hesitancy in saying I could discharge with success.

I am sincere when I say that if I could interview you and the President, that the Président would find in me one who would measure up to his expectations.

Trusting you will give this your serious consideration, and arrange for an interview with yourself and the President at your convenience.

Noticed in paper where you have been in the hospital, hope this finds you recovered and in good spirits.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. M. Smith