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A. P. GIANNINI
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 2, 1940

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles,
Chairman Board of Governors,
Federal Reserve System,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Marriner:

As you will note from the enclosed copy of letter, I have been asked by Miss Anna Shepard, former Secretary of the late James H. Perkins, to send to her for insertion in a scrap book my impressions of her former chief. Thinking the statement I prepared would be of interest to you, I am enclosing a copy.

I have also taken the liberty of sending a copy to President Roosevelt, which I have marked "Strictly Personal" and which I trust he will see, as he thought highly of Mr. Perkins, as both you and I did.

It is to be regretted that the Jim Perkinses in Wall Street are now, and have been in the past, so very rare.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



**JIM PERKINS—THE HIGHEST TYPE OF AMERICAN
BUSINESS MAN AND CITIZEN.**

Jim Perkins, as my acquaintance with him ripened into deep understanding, appealed to me as one of those rare persons who had attained a position of eminence in Wall Street but had remained impervious to any of the evil influences of that environment. His characteristic integrity and high purposes in life immunized him against the temptations to which men of selfish fibre lean. Gracing his profound sincerity with a genial personality, he was to me a symbol of all the fine qualities inherent in the ideal American business man and citizen; and I shall ever cherish his memory.

FIFTY-FIVE WALL STREET
NEW YORK

November 27, 1940

Mr. A. P. Giannini, Chairman of the Board,
Bank of America N. T. & Savings Association,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Giannini:

I am compiling some scrap books of
Mr. Perkins' personal letters and papers for
his family.

In these I should like very much to
include pictures of two or three of the Bank
Directors, who were especially close to him.
Would you feel like sending me a signed photo-
graph of yourself? Also, if you can recall any
story or incident about Mr. Perkins, perhaps
your impressions when you first met him, or
knew him later, and would write this out I
would place that opposite your picture in the
book. All such little accounts should give the
grandchildren a wonderful idea of that side of
Mr. Perkins which only those of us who saw him
down here knew. If you should write anything
out, it would be better to leave the paper un-
folded.

I hope everything goes well with you,
and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Anna Shepard

December 9, 1940

Dear A. P.:

Thanks for sending me yours of December 2nd with which you enclosed a copy of your tribute to Jim Perkins. As you know, I shared your high opinion of him and felt that he was the most open-minded of the high ranking New York bankers and had a fine temperament along with his pleasing personality. To my mind it was a great loss to the country when he passed on.

Sincerely,

M. S. Eccles

Mr. A. P. Giannini
Bank of America N. T. & S. A.
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