

December 29, 1941.

Dear A.P.:

I very recently received the copy of "Bankamerica" for December, 1941, which carried the story of the dedication of the new head office. I wanted to write you to commend enthusiastically the dedication address which you gave over the radio. Knowing that all your plans had to be changed at the last moment, since the dedication was only forty-eight hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, I was particularly impressed with the appropriateness of your remarks in the newly-created situation. The message you gave to your employees and to the people of California could well have been addressed to everybody in the nation.

Owing to the rush of affairs here, I failed to notice anywhere in the press a story of the opening of the new building, which explains the fact that I sent a wire to you early last week to 1 Powell Street. I can well understand what a burden has now been laid upon you, and I trust your absorption in the affairs of the bank, which I am sure must necessarily obtain, will help keep your mind and heart away from your great loss.

Please convey to Mario and the other seniors whom I know my congratulations on the completion of the new building and the effective manner in which the dedication was presented to the public.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

Mr. A. P. Giannini,
300 Montgomery Street,
San Francisco, California.

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