

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEVADA

RENO, NEVADA

January 6, 1943

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

Dear Mr. A. P.:

I had Clair Sutherland, our man in charge of the Bank of Nevada at Las Vegas, write both Senators Scrugham and McCarran as to the refusal of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to approve the application for membership. I had expected that either or both senators might be back in Reno for the Christmas holidays and while Senator Scrugham did start, he was unable to complete his trip by plane and returned to Washington. I am enclosing, for your information copies of letters received from both the Nevada senators.

Supplementing these letters, within the next day or two I shall send you the original letter of Leo T. Crowley directed to Senator McCarran in response to his communication to him. In that letter Crowley doesn't hesitate to state that the reason the application was declined was that the corporation did not want to see further expansion on the part of Bank of America. He also made some other statements which certainly were far afield and without any bearing whatsoever on the application submitted. I asked that Crowley's letter be forwarded by registered mail since I understood it to be the original which the senator had sent on under his communication, and, therefore, did not want to risk its loss in transit. I shall send it to you immediately upon receipt.

I will be in San Francisco next Wednesday and at that time will formulate with Judge Birdzell our further approach in this matter but I can tell you at this time that both Senator McCarran and Senator Scrugham, as well as Governor Carville and Superintendent of Banks LaRue, are with us in seeing that Bank of Nevada be given that to which it is properly entitled.

Kind personal regards!

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Bill

W. W. Hopper
President

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UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D. C.

December 14, 1942

Mr. D. C. Sutherland, Cashier-Manager,
Bank of Nevada
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
December 10th and I thank you for the kind sentiments expressed.

The State Bank Examiner, Mr. LaRue, had previously
written to me in regard to the same matter. As soon as practical,
I shall present the case to the F.D.I.C.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

J. G. Scrugham
U. S. Senator from Nevada

December 17, 1942

Honorable Leo T. Crowley, Chairman
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Crowley:

Herewith find a letter from Mr. D. G. LaRue,
Superintendent of Banks for the State of Nevada, which
is self-explanatory.

I have great confidence in Mr. LaRue's views
and request that you make an investigation of the matter
and advise me of the results. It appears that a serious
injustice has been done to the Bank of Nevada. It is my
intention to later refer the case to the Banking and
Currency Committees of the Senate and the House for an
investigation.

Thanking you for the courtesy of an investigation
and report, I am

Very truly yours,

J. G. Scrugham
United States Senator from Nevada

December 12, 1941

Mr. D. C. Sutherland
Bank of Nevada
Las Vegas, Nevada

My dear friend Sutherland:

I have your letter of December 10th concerning your application for membership in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and I have today written Mr. Leo Crowley concerning it.

I also have a letter under the date of December 7th from D. G. LaRue, and his letter is very clear and explicit. He very emphatically encourages your obtaining membership and he also furnishes me with a copy of a letter he has written to Crowley.

It may take some time to get under the skin of some people in this matter and we may have to be patient but persistence is quite an asset in this line of work and you may be assured of my efforts in that respect.

Please keep me advised of anything you hear on the subject.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Pat McCarran