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Dear Jimmy:

As I am leaving today for Utah in order that I may be with my family for the Christmas holidays, I regret to say that I cannot attend the Board meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22.

However, I have arranged with Ronald Ransom, who, as you know, is Vice Chairman of this Board, to attend as my alternate, and trust that this arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable James F. Byrnes, Director, Office of Economic Stabilization, Washington, D. C.

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