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OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

August 4, 1944

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman
Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Marriner:

William E. Peterson, Vice President in charge of examinations, is coming to Washington next week to spend a few days with the Board's Examination Division, and I have asked him to call on you.

Mr. Peterson is my golfing partner, and I am very anxious that he get a chance to play Burning Tree. I know you would enjoy playing with him if you have time and, of course, he would greatly enjoy playing with you.

I understand from Ronald that John McKee is out of town, but I am dropping Larry a similar note.

The Associate Bankers of St. Louis would very much like to have you as their guest here on the 17th of August. Why don't you come out?

Sincerely,



Chester C. Davis
President

August 8, 1944.

Dear Chester:

In accordance with your letter of August 4, I shall look forward to seeing Mr. Peterson when he arrives in Washington next week and to having a game of golf with him, although I must say that if he is your golfing partner he must be pretty good, which would put him out of my class. You can construe that to satisfy yourself! Sorry you aren't going to be on hand too.

Not only is John McKee away for a month or so, but Spike Evans has departed for a similar period, and as you probably know, Matt Szymczak has been lend-leased to Leo Crowley in order to put Belgium back on its feet and at last reports was flown safely to London several days ago. In other words, we are short-handed so that there would be no chance of my getting away to join the Associate Bankers of St. Louis on the 17th of August, even if the ODT didn't frown upon avoidable travel. However, I may be able to stop off -- though I am not at all sure of it -- when I go to Utah in September.

I imagine that Henry Edmiston has by this time given you a first-hand report from Bretton Woods. We played a good deal of golf, to say nothing of dining with numerous delegates. So, altogether, the Conference wasn't all work and no play, at least for Henry and me -- meaning Henry E. and not Henry M., for whom I cannot speak!

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Chester C. Davis, President,
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis,
St. Louis 2, Missouri.



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