FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND

HUGH LEACH PRESIDENT

September 21, 1949.

Dear Marriner:

The annual joint meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and the directors of the Baltimore and Charlotte Branches will be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond on Thursday, October 13, at 9:30 A.M., and the meeting will be followed by a luncheon at the Commonwealth Club, to which the senior bankers of Richmond will be invited.

Since many of the directors of all three offices are expected to arrive in Richmond the preceding day, we are planning an informal dinner at the Commonwealth Club for Wednesday evening, October 12, at 6:30 o'clock, which dinner will be strictly a Federal Reserve affair.

In view of the fact that October 12 is a bank holiday in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, Jim Harrison and I have accepted a long-standing challenge from Bob Fleming and Hal Rust for a round of golf that afternoon at the Country Club of Virginia. We should be delighted if you and some of your golfing associates would join us for luncheon at the Country Club of Virginia at 12:30 P.M. John Walden and Clair Strathy and perhaps one or two others would be available to make up foursomes.

We do hope that you can arrange to be with us on all of these occasions.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Leach,

President.

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

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September 27, 1949.

Dear Hugh:

I appreciate your letter of September 21, inviting me to attend the annual joint meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and the directors of the Baltimore and Charlotte Branches, to be held in Richmond on October 13 at 9:30 a.m., and the luncheon at the Commonwealth Club following the meeting. The thing that interests me most is the invitation to come to Richmond the day before, in time to join you for luncheon at the Country Club at 12:30 and play a round of golf, after which there will be an informal dinner at the Commonwealth Club at 6:30, which is to be strictly a Federal Reserve affair.

I can assure you that if I were going to be in this part of the country at the time I would be delighted to accept your invitation, as I can think of nothing I would enjoy more than meeting with you, Bob Fleming, Hal Rust and other officers and directors of the Richmond Bank and its Branches. Unfortunately for me, I am planning to leave for the West on the end of the preceeding week, to be away for about a month.

I expect to be in San Francisco at the A.B.A. Convention and I understand you are going to be there, so I will look forward to seeing you at that time.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Hugh Leach, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

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