

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE  
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
WASHINGTON

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May 13, 1948.

Mr. Allan Sproul, President,  
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,  
New York 45, New York.

Dear Allan:

The ticker tape carried the following statement  
yesterday:

"More and more it seems to have become the habit to think of the System as a head office in Washington with 12 branches or subsidiaries in the 12 Federal Reserve Districts, and even to forget that the Board of Governors is a Board and not a Chairman with deputies, great though the powers of the Chairman may be. More and more it has become the habit to minimize the value or deny the propriety of any private participation in the affairs of the System. I oppose these tendencies."

If you are correctly quoted, I want you to know that I consider your statement unfair, untrue, and contrary to the best interests of the Reserve System.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Evans.