THE COMMERCIAL CLUB OF BOSTON THE MERCHANTS CLUB

75 Federal Street, December 4, 1934.

My dear Mr. Eccles:

May I express my very great gratification at the happy news brought by Mr. Chamberlain from Washington this morning. We are looking forward to your visit eagerly and our meeting will be in every way the most interesting and absorbing event of the winter.

May I extend to you the very warm invitation of Mrs. Ogden and myself that you stay with us for as long as you may find it convenient while you are in Boston. I assume that you may not find it necessary to go back to Washington on Saturday night, February sixteenth, which would be a somewhat wearisome ride on the sleeper and you must stay some-I can promise you a very cordial welcome. where. most comfortable arrangements, scrupulous adherence to whatever engagements you may make and preferences you may care to give me for your personal comfort. will also promise to let you alone at home so that you will not be troubled with admirers, guests, or any interference with your personal comfort while you are at the house. Mrs. Ogden joins me most heartily in this invitation.

Very sincerely yours.

President of The Commercial Club of Boston The Merchants Club

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. Ogden:

I greatly appreciated the thoughtfulness of you and Mrs. Ogden in suggesting that I stay at your house during my contemplated visit to your city in February.

I am sure that I would find it very pleasant and comfortable there, but at present I plan to get into Boston in the morning and return to New York on a late evening train that same day. I am sorry it will not be possible to avail myself of your kindness.

Please express my regrets to Mrs. Ogden.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Hugh W. Ogden, President, The Commercial Club of Boston The Merchants Club, 75 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB OF BOSTON THE MERCHANTS CLUB

December 8, 1934.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

We are sorry that your engagements prevent your staying with us when you are here in February. May I say one thing more which I do not want you to bother to answer yourself but tell your secretary to advise me say the first part of February so that I may know that every proper arrangement for your comfort while in Boston has been taken care of. Will you have him answer these questions perfectly frankly and without any regard for anything but your own comfort and convenience:-

- (1) Would it be agreeable to have your headquarters at the Algonquin Club which is near the Back Bay station known to everybody with whom you will come in contact in Boston and where the dinner will be given in the evening. If so, I will have a room reserved which you can use or not use as suits your convenience while in Boston.
 - (2) Would it be agreeable to you to have Mr. Chamberlain and myself or somebody else meet you at the train Saturday morning and go with you to the Algonquin Club for breakfast - this not at all by way of a reception committee but someone who will know you and save your time in getting around.
- (3) I assume that Mr. Young will wish to take you in charge, so to speak, and take you to see our Federal Reserve Bank and meet there in the banking district whomever you care to meet. Any other arrangements at any time during the day that it suits your pleasure to make through my office, if your secretary will so advise me, I will see that they are ready for you when you arrive.
 - (4) Is it your pleasure to have me make any arrangements in regard to transportation instruct me. Washington or both and, if so, will you instruct me. arrangements in regard to transportation to Boston or back to
 - (5) Have your secretary tell me anything else you want done while you are here or anybody you want to see and when and I will see that it is done.

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board,

President The Commercial Club of Boston The Merchants Club

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Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

December 12, 1934.

Mr. H. W. Ogden, President, The Commercial Club of Boston The Merchants Club, Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Ogden:

In accordance with the suggestion made in your letter of December 8th, addressed to Mr. Marriner S. Eccles, the following will answer your questions:

- (1) Mr. Eccles will be very glad to have you make a reservation for him at the Algonquin Club.
- (2) It will be agreeable with Mr. Eccles for you and Mr. Chamberlain, or someone else, to meet him at the train Saturday morning. He will be glad to have breakfast with you at the Algonquin Club.
- (5) Mr. Eccles has heard from Mr. Young and after breakfast it would be his desire to go over to the Federal Reserve Bank, with an idea of meeting some of the officials there.
- (4) It will not be necessary for you to make any arrangements regarding Mr. Eccles' transportation from Washington to Boston and return.
- (5) Mr. Eccles does not think of anything else at this time which he would like you to take care of for him in conjunction with his proposed visit to Boston in February. However, should anything suggest itself in the meantime, I will advise you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. M. S. Eccles.

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December 14, 1934.

My dear Mr. Eccles:

In reply to your letter of the 12th, may I reply that your room at the Algonquin Club will be available on February 16th. Mr. Chamberlain and I will meet you at the Back Bay station, Boston, and breakfast with you at the club and thereafter take you to the Federal Reserve Bank. Any further suggestions that occur to you in regard to your Boston visit, I shall expect to receive in due course.

Sincerely yours,

President of The Commercial Club The Merchants Club

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.