

40 WATER STREET

BOSTON

October 26, 1936.

My dear Marriner:

It is great that you and Larry are coming up to this conservative old town on November thirteenth. The din and shouting of election will be over then and I certainly think you ought to plan to stay here Saturday and Sunday so that we can arrange to have you meet very informally at dinner say a dozen of the leading bankers or industrialists - or both if you prefer.

Now I want to extend an invitation to you both right from my heart. Confidentially, "my wife's gone to the country", i.e., she sailed last week for Fiesole, Italy, with a friend (a lady) who has a villa there. I want you and Larry to stay at my house and allow me to give a little informal dinner for you either Friday night or Saturday night whichever best suits your convenience. I should like to invite Phil Stockton, Charlie Spencer, Bob Brewer of the Merchants, Tom Beal, Roy Young, Fred Curtiss and a few others either bankers or industrialists.

I have plenty of room and can give you and Larry each a separate room with bath. I think you will be more comfortable than you would be at a hotel. So, please say yes without fail. I will meet you at the train Friday morning and motor you to my house for breakfast.

In this cold country of ours there is some gamble on the weather as far as golf is concerned. However, we usually can play until about

Thanksgiving time if we happen to get reasonably sunny week-ends. So I hope you and Larry will bring your golf mallets and your fur lined pants.

There is a good football game on Saturday, Harvard vs. Navy. Fred and I have arranged for some tickets for you both and if there is anyone you would especially like to have go with us, I hope you will let me know.

Everyone here is simply delighted that you are both coming. I know how hard you work in Washington and am sure you will not want a strenuous time. We will try, therefore, to give you an opportunity to relax and enjoy yourselves.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Hon. Marriner S. Eccles
Washington Building
Washington, D. C.

P.S.

The enclosed article from one of the English papers which I take at home was especially interesting to me. Thought you might like to read it.

October 28, 1936

Mr. Walter S. Bucklin, President
National Shawmut Bank of Boston
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

Your letter of October 26th is so full of hospitality and intriguing suggestions that I cannot bring myself to the mood of saying anything but yes. We had already made hotel reservations but these will now be cancelled in favor of the very exclusive bachelor club which you have recently inaugurated in your home. Also the informal dinner sounds very attractive and I believe Friday night will be preferable, just in case we might have to leave Saturday evening. At the moment, however, it looks as though we can spend both Friday and Saturday in Boston.

It so happens that Roy Young called me today and wanted us to stay at his home and when I told him that you had already invited us, he expressed the hope that he might get a game of golf with us while we were there. I am just passing this on so that in case it is convenient, such a game might be arranged although I am not for a moment suggesting cancellation of the original match slated for this weekend in Boston with you and Fred. Perhaps we shall be lucky and get in two games while we are there.

Regarding the football game on Saturday, I have no suggestions regarding any addition to the party. Just suit yourself and if the weather makes you feel more like a golf game than a football game, that also would be agreeable to both Larry and myself.

Thanks for sending me the English article which I shall take home with me this evening and digest.

With kindest regards and sincere thanks in which Larry joins for your very generous invitation, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Eccles

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Chas's Post Office

November 4, 1936.

My dear Marriner:

It is great that you and Larry are coming and I certainly hope you will try to stay until the Federal Express, nine o'clock Sunday evening. We are planning to have a golf game at the Brookline Country Club Saturday morning with Roy Young in the foursome.

Harvard has suddenly blossomed out with quite a real team and I am sure you will enjoy going to the game against the Navy on Saturday. Unless you have made some other arrangements for Saturday evening, we can have dinner at the Algonquin Club and perhaps go to a show, unless there is something else you would prefer doing. We can also work in a round of golf on Sunday and I will try to arrange partners or opponents with whom I think you would enjoy playing.

Do not get off the train at the Back Bay station as I think you would have to hurry a bit to do this. If you will go right through to the final stop, which is the South Station, either Fred or I, or both of us, will meet you there. We will be there at quarter before eight, which is the time the train is due. You are allowed to stay on the train for a half or three-quarters of an hour but our experience is

that it is impossible to sleep during that time and I am sure you will be quite willing to get off shortly after the train arrives.

Now, be sure to arrange to stay until Sunday night. This will give you a real weekend in New England and if the weather-man smiles on us, I feel quite certain you will enjoy it.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marriner S. Eccles".

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