

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Office Correspondence

Date October 29, 1937.

To Mr. Thurston

Subject: Mr. O'Neal's invitation to

From Mr. Davis

Chairman Eccles to speak at American Farm

Bureau Federation annual meeting, Dec. 13-14

Attached is a copy of a letter I have received from Ed O'Neal asking for confirmation of the Chairman's acceptance to speak at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in Chicago on December 13 or 14.

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I believe those are the dates tentatively set for the meeting of the Federal Advisory Council here, but one day for each meeting would make a workable schedule.

Enclosure:

copy of Mr. O'Neal's
letter of Oct. 25.

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AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

58 E. Washington St.
Chicago, Illinois.
Telephone: Dearborn 1633.

October 25, 1937.

Mr. Chester C. Davis,
Member, Board of Governors,
Federal Reserve System,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Chester:

I was so sorry I had to hurry away from Washington without having a visit with you. I enjoyed your party so much. Cliff and I both agreed that we felt at home in your new building as we saw so many of our real farm folks there. ***

I was pleased that Governor Eccles said he would come to our annual meeting, and I was afraid, in the confusion of the moment, that he didn't quite understand who I was, so followed him up. I wish you would have him give me the final word, writing me definitely that he can come to our annual meeting so I can arrange his place on the program. We want him on Tuesday, December 14, either in the morning or afternoon, preferably in the morning.

Please let me hear. With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Edw. A. O'Neal

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Edw. A. O'Neal - President

November 3, 1937.

Mr. Edward A. O'Neal, President,
American Farm Bureau Federation,
58 E. Washington Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. O'Neal:

In accordance with your letter of October 25th to Chester Davis, he has requested that I give you definite word that I am making arrangements to accept your much appreciated invitation to come to your annual meeting on Tuesday, December 14th. I recall that you mentioned it to me when you were here at the dedication ceremony.

There is no audience before which I would prefer to speak or that is in my judgment a more important one. Every inclination I have is to take advantage of your invitation. I shall be glad to be on the program either in the morning or afternoon. I gather that you prefer that it should be the morning and I will, accordingly, expect to appear at that time.

As you are well aware, contingencies sometimes arise here over which we have no control which compel last-minute changes of plans. I hope that nothing will interfere on this occasion, but I mention it because I am always compelled to make engagements contingent upon developments which I cannot foresee or forestall. At this time I do not see any reason why I cannot get away at that time and I am, therefore, counting on it definitely.

with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

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