

December 23, 1937.

Governor Davis

Chairman Eccles

I thought you might be interested in seeing the attached letter which I received from Mr. O'Neal, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, relative to the address I recently made before that organization.

I personally do not feel that I got over very well to the farm group my economic thesis as to what had happened and as to what might be done about it, the principal reason being that I felt too restrained. I was afraid I might say something which the newspapers would pick up to the embarrassment of the Administration or the Board, and, therefore, I do not believe I proved to be much of a salesman. I didn't talk with the freedom or fluency which is necessary to do a good selling job. I felt my audience was not very much interested in the abstract economic problems which I discussed, and I further felt that a good deal of what I had to say was not absorbed by them.

There is one compensating feature, however, and that is that they will not likely ask me to address them again very soon. Inasmuch as I appeared before this group upon your sponsorship, I am sorry that I didn't do a better job.

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Attachment.