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WILLIAM FRICK  
VICE-PRESIDENT

October 7, 1938

Mr. Marriner C. Eccles  
Chairman, Federal Reserve Board  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Marriner:

A couple of years ago, I extended you on behalf of New York Chapter of American Institute of Banking an invitation to give the principal address at their annual dinner. You were unable to accept on that occasion, but asked me to give you another opportunity, and here it is.

The twenty-fifth annual dinner of the Bankers Forum of the American Institute of Banking will be held in the Roof Garden Restaurant of the Hotel Astor on Thursday evening, December 1, 1938. This is to be a steak dinner, attendance will be 99% male, and much is being made of the Silver Anniversary occasion. About 400 to 500 bank officers and their guests are expected, including the heads of most of the large New York banks.

You know this Forum Dinner is an annual affair to honor the presidents of the New York State Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association, who are Thomas A. Wilson, President of Marine Midland Trust Company, Binghamton, New York, and Philip D. Benson, President of Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, respectively.

This is the top-notch banking dinner of the year for our crowd. The Speakers Committee has told me that you are their first choice, - and, of course, you can name your own subject, - and have asked me to extend the invitation to you on their behalf. It is a fine, informal, friendly occasion, and I know you'll get a kick out of talking to this bunch. In turn, your presence will "make" the dinner and will be greatly appreciated by all of us.

Will you phone or drop me a line as soon as convenient.

Best personal regards



Vice-President

October 18, 1938.

Mr. William Feick, Vice President,  
Irving Trust Company,  
New York City.

Dear Bill:

After prayerful consideration, which has delayed this reply to your letter of October 7th longer than I had intended. I have decided to take advantage of your invitation to speak at the annual dinner of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking on Thursday evening, December 1, when you are honoring the presidents of the American Bankers Association and of the New York State Bankers Association.

I recognize that this is a top-notch banking dinner and should bring together a large number of the younger generation rather than a preponderance of the older and, I fear, case-hardened group, which I have never found receptive or open-minded on what seemed to me to be urgent problems before the country.

I have confined my public speaking to a minimum of appearances, and since I have not ventured forth since the meeting of the New Jersey Bankers Association last spring, I have concluded that it would not be untimely or inappropriate for me to emphasize what, in my judgment, are matters of importance that need to be understood and dealt with effectively in this country if we are to maintain our economic and political institutions in this disordered world.

Needless to say, I am much honored by your invitation and I want to express to you and through you to the Speakers Committee my appreciation.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

