

December 15, 1958.

Mr. Allen B. Crow, President,  
The Economic Club of Detroit,  
6460 Kercheval Avenue,  
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Crow:

This is to thank you for your letter of December 6th in which you suggest meeting with The Economic Club of Detroit Monday noon, February 15th. I realize that in your group are many of Detroit's most prominent business and professional men, and I would regard it as an honor to have an opportunity to meet with them.

I have discovered from past experience, however, that it is impossible for me to tell definitely two months in advance whether I shall be able to keep an engagement because circumstances beyond my control so frequently arise that interfere with a schedule prearranged far ahead of time. I am wondering, therefore, if it would be possible for me to communicate with you sometime after the first of the year, when I can tell better whether I would be able to take advantage of your courtesy.

I am also wondering whether your group meets later in the week on occasion, inasmuch as Monday would be a rather difficult time for me in any case, and the end of the week is always preferable from my standpoint. I should also be grateful to you if you could advise me as to whether it might be possible to speak off the record, without publicity, for I make a minimum of public addresses which have to be carefully prepared and thus consume a great deal of time. I have felt on a few occasions when it has been possible to talk off the record that I could arrange to speak, whereas if it had been necessary to prepare the usual public address, it would have been impossible for me to attempt it.

Following your very kind letter, I received one in support thereof from Mr. Buss, Managing Director of the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, to whom I am sending a copy

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of this reply.

I want to express again my appreciation of your invitation and I hope that I shall be able to take advantage of it.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

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