The Economic Club of Aetroit

6460 Kercheval Avenue January 3, 1939

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles Chairman, Board of Governors Federal Reserve System Washington, D. C.

My dear Chairman Eccles:

Supplementing the writer's letter addressed to you under date of December 20th, the writer is pleased to hand you herewith copies of letters which he has recently received from the editors of each of our three Detroit papers as well as from Mr. William P. Black, Detroit representative of the Wall Street Journal, in which each of these men, as the writer previously assumed, express a willingness to cooperate along any lines which will prove acceptable to you if thereby we may be able to work out a mutually convenient date, preferably Saturday noon, February 11th, whereby we may arrange a luncheon in your honor under the auspices of The Economic Club of Detroit.

Awaiting your further word which we trust will be favorable, we are, with best wishes for the New Year,

Very gratefully yours,

Allen B. Crow, President

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Perhaps you will be interested in the following paragraph from a letter just received from Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg:

"I should be glad to join in urging Governor Eccles to occupy your forum. Certainly, I can tell him with great enthusiasm that your occasions are very much worthwhile."

THE DETROIT FREE PRESS

December 24, 1938.

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

Dear Mr. Crow:

Mr. Bingay has turned your letter, with regard to Marriner S. Eccles, over to me. So far as the Free Press is concerned we will be glad to co-operate with you, and to refrain from publishing Mr. Eccles speech, if we can have absolute assurance that the other Detroit newspapers will do the same.

I think it is going to be difficult for Mr. Eccles to talk off the record to as large a group as the Economic Club gathers at its meetings, but we at least are willing to do our part.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Douglas D. Martin Managing Editor

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THE DETROIT NEWS

December 22, 1938

Dear Mr. Crow:

As far as The News is concerned, it will be entirely possible for Mr. Eccles to address the Economic Club off the record. We need only announce before and after the meeting that he consented to come only on condition that his speech not be reported.

What we shall do in such circumstances is to interview him on his arrival when, obviously, he can say whatever he cares to say for public consumption.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)
W S Gilmore
Editor

Mr Allen B Crow, Pres The Economic Club 6460 Kercheval Avenue Detroit, Michigan

DETROIT TIMES

December 23, 1938, Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Allen B. Crow, President, The Economic Club, Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Crow:

In reply to your note about the proposed Eccles talk to the Economic Club, I'll be glad to withhold publicity, on condition, of course, that the other two Detroit newspapers give you the same assurance.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) John Manning Managing Editor

JCM/dk

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

528 Murphy B ldg. Detroit, Michigan

Dec. 22, 1938.

Dear Mr. Crow,

With reference to your inquiry as to the possibility of Mr. Eccles' speaking off the record at the Economic Club, there would be no reason for any of our staff to try to upset an arrangement of this kind providing other newspapers and news services agreed to observe your request for no publicity. As a matter of fact, since none of us is a member of the club, our paper would not even be represented at the luncheon unless invited by you.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) William P. Black