

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

## Office Correspondence

Date February 1, 1940.To Chairman EcclesSubject: Smear chargesFrom Mr. Thurston

Mr. Milton W. Harrison, publisher of the Savings Bank Journal, came in to see me when unable to see you to ask whether you could be induced to attend a round-table discussion at the Metropolitan Club here on February 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m., with an informal dinner, and continuing until about eleven o'clock in the evening, for which, I understand, Randy Burgess is to prepare an agenda for discussion of the Government bond market. This is off the record, except that a digest of the discussion is later submitted to the participants for their editing with a view to possible publication in the Savings Bank Journal.

Mr. Harrison said that in addition to Burgess, he was asking Dan Bell, Joe Broderick, Lew Douglas, George Harrison, Allan Sproul, Currie, Goldenweiser, Allan Pope, Stanley of Morgan Stanley, Devine, Traphagen, and a few other operators of bond accounts or dealers, as well as Senators Wagner, Harrison, Byrd and Taft, to attend.

He proposes to telephone me tomorrow to find out whether there was any chance that you would be willing to participate. There are no speeches and just a round-table affair is threatened. They had one recently on railroads which he says was interesting and successful.

