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Mr. Thurston -

Mrs. Cooke in the office Deputy Governor Wells, Farm Credit Administration, called and said that she had talked to Miss Poteet in the office of Mr. O. V. Wells, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and that she said she would substitute the copy of the Memorandum on Economic Outlook for the transcript of Mr. E's talk before the Conference on the 7th - and that if there was any question as to authority for doing it, or if they wanted a "formal" request, Miss Poteet would get in touch with you by telephone.

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Was Copy Ulasten Merro hard copy) Un Mr. Thurston -

The request we received from Dr. Allen, Office of the Chief, Dept. of Agricultural Economics is rather a large one -

I talked to his secretary (Miss Rutherford) this afternoon. They would like very much to have 50 copies, for distribution to their field people - she said that they will no doubt "re-reproduce" it for they will need even additional copies - she said all the talks will eventually be printed in their "regular Outlook issues" and that copies as made available by us would be helpful in that they would not need further okeh by Mr. Eccles. Otherwise, the transcript of the talks given yesterday would be sent to the individual speakers for editing and. approval.

Miss Rutherford asked that I call her when copies are available - and tell her at that time whether we can make available as many as 50. Don't see why not.

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Mr. Thurston -

I hate to bother you so often - but the newsmen are pestering me - the latest question comes from Mr. Royster sho says that the fact that the memorandum does not identify itself with Mr. Eccles confuses him - is it our intention that it should not be identified, and if not, whose views does it represent. That I couldn't answer. Of course most of them know that the memorandum represent Mr. Eccles remarks at the Agriculture Outlook Conference. What do I tell Mr. Royster and others who inquire?

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Mr. Thurston -

Mr. Mann of Pratt's letter called and would like to have your okeh, (or disapproval), as soon as possible of his mentioning or rather suggesting in his letter, which goes to press at noon today, that everyone write in for a copy of the Memorandum on Economic Outlook, which he considers excellent in its clarity. He realizes we may receive many requests (in the hundreds) and if you feel that the requests would be too burdensome he will understand - and not make the suggestion.

Could you indicate yes or no - and I'll call Mr. Mann back.

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