



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



August 23, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Eccles:

This year the Department of Agriculture's National Outlook conference for agricultural workers will include not only representatives from the Land Grant Colleges of the forty-eight States, but also representatives from the State Offices of the Department's Production and Marketing Administration.

We are naturally anxious to see that these people get the best possible current facts as background on the national and international situations. We are therefore asking several outstanding leaders to discuss broad political and economic questions on Monday, October 7, before the Conference takes up the more detailed consideration of the agricultural outlook. In this connection, we in the Department would like very much to have you address the Conference at two o'clock in the afternoon, October 7, on the general subject "Peacetime Industrial Outlook."

We feel that there is probably no one better qualified to discuss the topic suggested than you, and I am sure that all our people would be greatly interested in what you would have to say on this important subject.

We earnestly hope that you will find it possible to accept the invitation, and that you can let us have confirmation at your early convenience. With so many people involved in this national conference, it is important that we complete program arrangements and send out notifications as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

August 23, 1946.

Honorable Clinton P. Anderson,
Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

As Chairman Eccles left this morning for a visit in the West, I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 23 inviting him to address the National Outlook Conference which you have called for October 7.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. Eccles and I will advise you as promptly as possible when he replies.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Elliott Thurston

Elliott Thurston,
Assistant to the Chairman.

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September 3, 1946.

The Honorable Clinton P. Anderson,
Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in further reference to your letter of August 23 inviting Chairman Eccles to address the Department of Agriculture's National Outlook Conference on October 7.

We have just received word from Mr. Eccles that he will be very pleased to address the Conference on that date. He would appreciate advice as to where the meeting will be held and the length of time which will be allotted to him.

Very truly yours,

Madeleine E. Benton.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Eccles:

This is to express to you Secretary Anderson's sincere appreciation of your acceptance of his invitation to address our national Outlook Conference on Monday, October 7.

The meeting will be held in the Jefferson Auditorium in the South Building of the Department of Agriculture. Thirty minutes have been allotted for your address which is scheduled to begin at 2 P.M.

As soon as the final copy of the program has been reproduced we shall forward a copy to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nathan Koenig".

Nathan Koenig,
Executive Assistant to the Secretary

*copy sent to
Eccles - 9/11*



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

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

Dear Mr. Eccles:

Our Department of Agriculture Graduate School has planned for this fall and early winter a program of lectures and discussions on major policy problems of American agriculture. The program provides that lecturers will first address junior professional and clerical personnel, and then will meet informally on a seminar basis with a small number of responsible Department members and advanced students for critical analysis and evaluation of the policy problem under consideration. Mr. T. Roy Reid, Director of Personnel, is in charge of the lectures for junior professional and clerical personnel, while Robert H. Shields, Administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration, and I are in charge of the seminar.

We should like to invite you to deliver the lecture on "Monetary Policy and Agricultural Problems" on October 7, 1946, and to meet with the seminar on the same topic. Attached is a brief outline of the series as a whole together with the names of those invited to handle each policy problem.

If the date indicated is not convenient to you, it is possible that some rearrangement of schedule could be made. Also, if you desire to modify the subject suggested, I would appreciate your advising me. The Graduate School is not able to pay a stipend.

I hope very much indeed that you can accept. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. A. Minor".

William A. Minor
Assistant to the Secretary

Attachment



September 10, 1946.

Mr. William A. Minor,
Assistant to the Secretary,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Minor:

In the absence of Chairman Eccles, I wish to acknowledge receipt in this morning's mail of your letter inviting him to deliver a lecture on "Monetary Policy and Agricultural Problems" and to meet with the seminar of the Department of Agriculture Graduate School on October 7.

As Mr. Eccles is scheduled to address the Department of Agriculture's National Outlook Conference on that date, it will not, of course, be possible for him to accept your invitation.

Your letter will be brought to his attention upon his return the latter part of this month, and I know he will regret his inability to be with you on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Madeleine E. Denton.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



September 13, 1946

Miss Madeleine E. Benton
Office of the Chairman
Board of Governors
Federal Reserve System
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Benton:

I have your letter of September 10 calling my attention to the fact that Chairman Eccles is to address the Outlook Conference in the Department on the same day on which we requested that he meet with the seminar of our Graduate School. I am sorry that I did not have the Outlook Conference schedule before me in writing my letter.

If the Chairman is agreeable, I would like very much to confer with him at a later date with a view to his meeting with our seminar sometime before January 20. I will get in touch with you after I have a little more information on available dates.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. A. Minor".

W. A. Minor
Assistant to the Secretary

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Adm. 9/16*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 25

October 3, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Eccles:

This is in further reference to your correspondence with Secretary Anderson concerning your participation in the forthcoming National Outlook Conference to be held in the Department of Agriculture Auditorium on the first floor of the South Building during the week beginning Monday, October 7. On the enclosed copy of a preliminary draft of the program for the first day of this conference, we have circled your scheduled address in red pencil.

In the arrangement of the program it has been our purpose to provide the conferees during the first day with an authoritative discussion of the general international and domestic situation and outlook as a background for the rest of the conference, which will deal more directly with matters in the agricultural field.

In your discussion of the status of and prospects for the domestic economy generally, anything you can say to point out the significance of these things to American farmers will be of special interest to the group. We should like to have you arrive at the auditorium just before the afternoon session opens, say at about 1:55. Our people are going to be intensely interested in what you have to say. Upon arriving at the auditorium, will you please come directly to the rostrum so that we can get the meeting under way promptly.

Sincerely yours,



Bushrod W. Allin
Chairman, Outlook and Situation Board

Enclosure