

# UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

June 13, 1951

Mr. Marriner S. Eccles  
Ben Lomond Hotel  
Ogden, Utah

Dear Mr. Eccles:

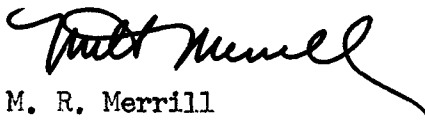
I mentioned the point below to you Monday, June 4, but once isn't enough and I want to reiterate that you delivered one of the best addresses we have ever been exposed to at the College. It was excellent and stood out as the most significant part of the commencement.

You will know whether this is the case, but it seemed to me that you attempted to distillate the basic values which your experience of the last two decades had taught. You were specific about present events, but you seemed to have in mind general principles which would be applicable under any conceivable circumstances. This was exceedingly appropriate for a group of graduates, and I hope you noticed how much they appreciated it. I can't remember when I have heard such spontaneous applause, and the graduates themselves took the lead and kept at it.

My own opinion was shared by everyone I have talked to. There haven't been many, but they have been people whose judgment I respect, and now that they have confirmed my own, I am more convinced than ever that they know what they are talking about.

At any rate, thanks greatly for making a commencement much more significant than it usually is,

Sincerely,

  
M. R. Merrill

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July 23, 1951

Mr. M. R. Merrill  
School of Commerce  
U. S. A. C.  
Logan, Utah

Dear Mr. Merrill

Your letter of June 13, addressed to me at Ogden, was not forwarded to me in Washington, and I have just received it upon coming back to Utah.

I appreciate very much receiving your letter and kind remarks regarding my Commencement Address. It is very gratifying to learn of these reactions and the feelings of others toward my talk.

Your thoughtfulness in writing me as you did is really appreciated.

Sincerely,

Marriner S. Eccles

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