

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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Office Correspondence

Date December 18, 1945.

Chairman Eccles

Subject: _____

From Mr. Thurston

The current president of the Alumni Association of the Graduate School of Banking which, as you know, is a child of the ABA, telephoned to ask whether you would be willing to be the speaker -- and the only speaker -- at their annual dinner in New York on April 6. They expect an attendance of about 500 bankers.

There will be an afternoon session of lectures by graduates on various heavy subjects; then a cocktail party (one-half hour); and then a dinner at which he, Mr. Jennings of the First National Bank of Boston, would preside. Randolph Burgess was the speaker last year and talked on Bretton Woods for 20 to 25 minutes, which is as long a time as they consider effective for one speech.

Sounds like a good background for the Chairman of this Board, if you want to say something publicly. It is about time you made another speech, anyway.

I told Mr. Jennings I would let him know tomorrow morning whether you reacted favorably or not.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. ...', written over a horizontal line.