FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (ZONE I)

June 20, 1947

Dear Marriner:

This letter follows our conversation about the possibility of your coming to Philadelphia on November 6 to meet with our full Board, to participate in a buffet luncheon meeting with some of the downtown bankers, and later to make the after-dinner address before the Robert Morris Associates. This is at the annual meeting and between 400 and 500 people will be present. Our thought is that you might wish to take this occasion to discuss a topic of national moment. This schedule would not be as "back-breaking" as appears at first glance, and we hope very much that you can see your way clear to make a commitment for such a distant date.

It has been a long time since you have been in Philadelphia and I am sure your presence will do a great deal to forward the System's public relations in this area of the country.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman of the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington 25, D. C.

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June 26, 1947.

Dear Al:

This is to thank you for your letter of June 20 suggesting that I plan to come to Philadelphia on November 6 to meet with your board and to participate in a buffet luncheon meeting with some of the downtown bankers, to be followed by an address before the Robert Morris Associates at a dinner that evening.

At this writing there appears to be no reason why I would not be able to be present and I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would go ahead on that basis. I realize that it is a long time since I have visited the Bank and I want to do so.

This far ahead I have no idea what might be appropriate to talk about, but judging by past experience events will largely determine that before the time arrives.

with best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Alfred H. Williams, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 1, Pennsylvania.

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