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UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Logan, Utah

February 14, 1948

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles
Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

The Associated Students of Utah State have this year inaugurated a new educational venture at the institution. We have invited presidential aspirants and OUTSTANDINGLY PROMINENT political leaders to appear here in a lecture and discussion series.

The whole program has been envisioned as an educational effort to dispel the apathy which is ordinarily associated with things of a political nature by giving students an opportunity to make enlightened analyses of pertinent political questions. It is our desire that through this series students will be stimulated to increased and enlightened activity in the political life of our society without resorting to the negative activity of mere sideline criticism.

Considerable interest and recognition is being accorded the program in this area since the series began. Senator Wayne Morse accepted an invitation to appear here and last month Harold Stassen lectured to our students and faculty. Mr. Henry Wallace has expressed his desire to participate in the series.

It is with a genuine interest in your own personal activities and achievements that I invite you to speak at Utah State. The ordinary individual rarely has the privilege of seeing and hearing those who give history its dramatic appeal. It is especially appropriate, for our purposes, that you, as an outstanding national figure, are from among us. My parents, the Nils P. Andersons of the Logan Seventh Ward, have always spoken and talked of you with high regard. All this combines to give me a great personal desire to have you accept our invitation.

Anytime between now and May that it may be convenient for you to appear here will be acceptable to us. The earliest possible day would be most desirable for our purposes. We hoped that there may be some business reasons for your coming to Ogden this winter or spring with which you could coordinate an appearance in Logan.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Desmond L. Anderson
President

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March 15, 1948.

Mr. Desmond L. Anderson, President,
Associated Students,
Utah State Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Mr. Eccles has left for a brief respite in the South and intended before leaving to reply to your very kind invitation of February 14. I am delinquent in not having discussed the matter with him prior to his leaving, as he had previously expressed a great interest in your letter and the hope that it would be possible for him to take advantage of your courtesy.

His program, however, has been so uncertain that he could not reach any definite conclusion at this time. I am wondering, since you suggest any time between now and May, if I may not advise you shortly after his return as to whether there would be a possibility of his meeting with you as you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Elliott Thurston

Elliott Thurston,
Assistant to the Board.

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