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

Dear Marriner:

I have recently succeeded Dad as Chairman of the International Service Committee of the Rotary Club of Ogden. One of my duties is to try to find speakers capable of giving the members of the Rotary Club some understanding of the implications of our present international policy and status. It has been my observation that increasingly of late most of us tend to react with our emotions instead of with our intellects so that it would seem good for us and perhaps for the country if something can be done to straighten us out.

With this in mind I am wondering whether it will be possible for you to speak to the Club at one of its meetings during your customary Christmas holiday visit to Ogden. Darrell Greenwell told me the other day that he had been talking with you informally and that you had presented in your usual lucid manner some most interesting and challenging ideas regarding the impact and probable effect of our international policy and activity, including financing of the Marshall Plan and of the re-armament program, upon our economy. If you can arrange it, we will be very happy to have you talk to us at a time convenient either on or off the record as you prefer. It is my present thought that the meeting following your address could be devoted to an open forum at which the members would informally discuss and comment on your ideas. It has been my experience that such a discussion tends to help an audience retain the ideas presented and may provide an interesting sidelight on the ability of Rotarians to hear and remember correctly.

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If it is convenient, I should like to hope for an early affirmative answer to our humble request.

This morning's mail has just brought me a copy of your address before the Bankers Association Convention at Des Moines, Iowa and I am looking forward with much anticipation to an opportunity to read it during the coming weekend as I travel about Idaho on a series of speaking engagements. To my never ending amazement some of my fellow citizens have acquired the illusion that I am an authority on world affairs and particularly on organization for peace. It is a little frightening but proves most stimulating so long as they continue under the illusion.

With kindest regards, I am

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Thatcher". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, somewhat stylized appearance.

Paul Thatcher

PT/sa

November 18, 1948.

Dear Paul:

I have read your letter of the 16th with a great deal of interest. I feel very flattered to be invited to speak before the Rotary Club of Ogden, at my convenience!

Invitations coming from home folks are always particularly attractive to me, and I will be delighted to accept your invitation to address the members of the Club and any guests which they may choose to invite. As Wednesday is the day of the week on which the Club meets for its luncheons, I would suggest either December 22, or January 5 as being dates on which I could be with you. After you have considered them I will appreciate your advising me on which of these dates you desire me to speak. I would prefer speaking off the record.

It is interesting to note the active part you are taking in public affairs, and I am sure that as time goes on your appearance before various groups in different sections of the intermountain territory will prove educational and interesting, as well as give you an invaluable experience, increased confidence, broader outlook and understanding.

With kindest regards to you and your Dad.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Paul Thatcher,
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Ogden, Utah.