

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF ATLANTA

OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

17 February 1950.

Dear Mr. Eccles,

We are delighted with your letter of February 6, giving us the date of your arrival in Atlanta. I will meet you at the airport and take you to the Biltmore Hotel, where a reservation has been made for you.

Our Directors' meeting and luncheon here at the Bank should be over approximately by 2:00 p.m. The golf courses here are in excellent condition and Lewis Clark would like to arrange a game for you during the afternoon. He says that if you do not want to bring your clubs, he can get a set for you, but would advise you to bring your golf shoes.

The Lawyers' Club meeting is 5:30 p.m. and our experience has been that the meetings are usually over about 7:30 to 8:00. Following this meeting, I would like, if it is agreeable to you, to invite to my home a representative group of the members of the Club and their wives to meet you. I also want to have Dr. Rufus Harris and Malcolm Bryan with us. You gave no indication in your letter how long you will be able to stay with us. If you can stay over Saturday or the week-end, we would like to arrange additional entertainment in your honor.

We would like to run a picture of you in the Atlanta papers on Sunday preceding your talks here on Friday, and we would also like to give the subject of your speech to the Lawyers. As soon as you have decided what your subject will be, I would appreciate your letting me know.

Please let me know if you wish any reservations for your return to Washington made at this end of the line. My delay in answering your letter was caused by my illness with a severe cold.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Harold T. Patterson
Secretary, Board of Directors.

Mr. M. S. Eccles
Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1950.

Mr. Harold T. Patterson,
General Counsel,
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 18 relative to plans which you are making for my coming visit to Atlanta.

I appreciate the desire of Mr. Clark to arrange a golf game for me in the afternoon, but my time there will be so short that I believe that I would prefer to pass up that invitation.

I shall be glad to accept your suggestion "to meet a representative group of the members of the Club and their wives at your home following the meeting of the Club". I appreciate your willingness to arrange entertainment in my honor should I be staying over on Saturday. However, as I am planning to leave on the midnight plane(12:45 a.m.)Friday, or the noon(12:20 p.m.) plane on Saturday that will not be necessary.

I note what you say about running my picture in the Atlanta papers on the Sunday preceding my appearance on Friday and publicizing the subject of my address to the lawyers. I am not preparing a written speech and I expect what I have to say to be off-the-record. If, under those circumstances you care to run a picture of me in the Sunday paper and indicate I am going to speak on the subject of our international dilemma, I have no objection to your doing so.

With reference to my return plane reservation, I will make it before I leave Washington.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles.

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