

NATIONAL CITY BANK
DALLAS, TEXAS

DEWITT RAY
PRESIDENT

February 23, 1951

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

Dear Governor Eccles:

You will recall that I mentioned to you last Tuesday that the annual convention of the Texas Bankers Association will be held in Dallas on May 14-15. Since returning I have contacted the powers that be in the association and they would like very much indeed to have you as a speaker.

You would be privileged to select date of your address, but we find generally that the largest attendance is on the first day, and it would fit into the program quite well if you would find it convenient to deliver your address on the afternoon of May 14. As before stated, however, you would be at liberty to choose the date and hour.

I am reminded that you stated that you would be unable this far in advance to give a definite decision, but I should like for you now to put these dates on your calendar and, at an approximate date of your choosing, I shall communicate with you again.

The Texas Bankers Association is the oldest state organization in the United States and we expect an attendance of approximately 1,700. This engagement would provide you

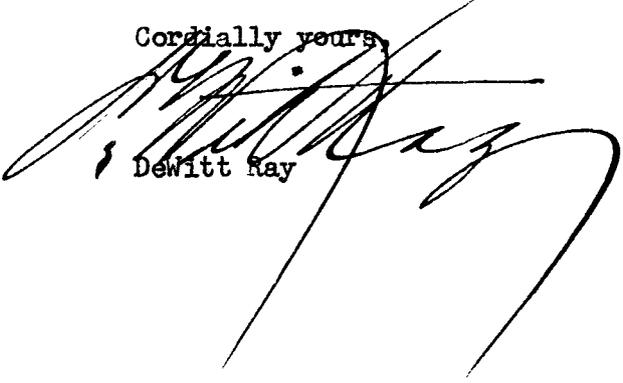
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an opportunity to inform the banking fraternity of the Southwest on matters in which they will be greatly interested and I am confident you will find a great deal of satisfaction from having addressed the convention.

Cordially yours,



Dewitt Ray

DR:VB

March 13, 1951.

Mr. DeWitt Ray, President,
National City Bank,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Ray:

I greatly appreciate the invitation you extend to me in your letter of February 23 to address the Texas Bankers Association at its annual convention in Dallas on May 14-15. I am sorry that official matters have kept me so tied up that I have not had an opportunity to reply before now.

As I explained to you when you were in Washington, the date is too far away for me to give you a definite decision at this time. I am leaving for the West the end of this week and will not return until about the middle of April. I suggest you get in touch with me at that time, when I hope I will be able to let you know whether or not I can accept your kind invitation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles.