



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1942

Dear Mr. Bell:

This confirms my telegram of Monday requesting you to attend a meeting on Tuesday, June 9.

I was much pleased by the deep interest in post-war business planning shown by all those who attended our meeting last Thursday. Their reaction strengthens my firm belief that we should proceed without delay in establishing a national organization, to aid business management in meeting its public responsibilities after the war. It will be particularly gratifying if you finally accept my invitation to serve as the original trustee of this organization, for the Minneapolis Department of Commerce region (Federal Reserve District).

Your group recommended that we hold a second meeting, to include if possible the original trustees from all twelve districts. The purpose is to consider and decide on several important steps related both to policy and to organization procedure. Accordingly, I am most desirous to have you meet with us here on the date indicated.

Tentative agenda are being drawn up to aid those invited in preparing for the meeting. I am asking Mr. Carroll Wilson to send you these agenda as soon as they are ready, in the next day or two.

We will convene in my office at the Department of Commerce at 9:15 a.m., and you should be prepared to stay through the day.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary of Commerce

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