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

My dear Mr. Eccles:

I have been somewhat puzzled
by reading the newspaper accounts of the new
stabilization agreement entered into by the
Treasury Department. If it is not betraying any
confidence, I would be interested in knowing at
least the principles on which this supposed
agreement rests.

Very truly yours,



October 27, 1936.

Mr. R. E. Wood, President
Sears, Roebuck and Co.
Executive Offices
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wood:

I was glad to receive your letter of October 15 regarding the new currency arrangement. The distinguishing characteristic of the new arrangement is the absence of rigidity and fixed commitments. It is a gentlemen's agreement to work for exchange stability so long as that stability is not incompatible with the requirements of internal prosperity.

I am enclosing a brief unofficial memorandum dealing with the new arrangement. You will, I am sure, understand my wish that both the memorandum and this letter should be for your personal information only.

With warm personal regards,

Very truly yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman

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