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February 25, 1933.

The President

The White House.

Dear Mr. President:

The Board has requested me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 22, 1933 addressed to the Governor and Members of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Board has been keeping in close touch with the important changes that are taking place in the situation and the matters to which you refer have received, and are receiving, its constant attention. No definite information is available as to the amount of capital that has been exported, but, so far as the Board is advised, it appears to be a relatively small item so far. As you say, however, withdrawals of currency have reached large proportions, and gold withdrawals have increased to some extent.

While some of the recent developments are disturbing, and many proposals as to ways and means of dealing with them are being made, the Board feels it is essential in times like these that every suggestion be carefully weighed and considered from the point of

view of whether, if adopted, it would accomplish the results sought, or whether it would be likely to bring even greater disturbance and make worse the situation that it is designed to correct.

Recently the Board, after giving the matter careful thought with these considerations in mind, approved the joint resolution ~~regarding~~ the powers of the Comptroller of the Currency introduced by Senator Couzens, which has passed the Senate and which has been favorably reported by the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House. It felt that such a measure would be helpful in facilitating the working out of existing situations in various communities without creating undue disturbance. The Board also, from time to time, has expressed its views regarding other legislative proposals which would affect the exercise of its functions or the operations of the Federal reserve system, and is continually studying the various problems that are presented as the picture changes, with the view of developing concrete suggestions for appropriate action if and when the need should arise.

At the moment the Board does not desire to make any specific proposals for additional measures or authority, but it will continue to give all aspects of the situation its most careful consideration.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Eugene Meyer
Governor.

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