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Dear Marriner:

I have been holding your letter of December 20, concerning the general fiscal situation, and I find that I have not acknowledged it. I want to assure you that I appreciated very much getting your point of view and that it has weighed heavily in my thinking.

I had wished to have an opportunity to discuss the situation with you, but I fear that I will not have that opportunity prior to the issuance of the Budget Message, which I hope will not differ much from your point of view. Thereafter I would like very much to have lunch with you whenever we can arrange to get together.

Sincerely yours,

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