

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL RESOURCES PLANNING BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

My dear Mr. Eccles:

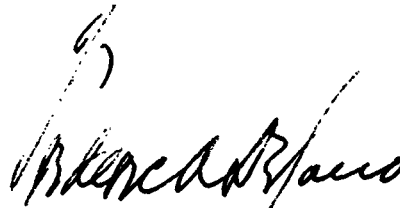
The President has asked the National Resources Planning Board to serve as his agent for gathering together ideas and plans for projects to be started when the defense emergency is over. In a few areas it is our direct administrative responsibility to draw plans, but in most areas the primary responsibility for planning belongs to you and to the other departments and independent establishments, each in its own field.

I am writing this letter to ask if it would be helpful to you to have us, as a non-departmental agency in the President's office, call together the appropriate technical representatives of the various departments chiefly concerned to discuss the common problems that we all face in preparing our individual plans for the post-defense period.

If through such discussion we may start with the same general hypotheses and broad alternatives, and work along similar lines where this is appropriate, is it not possible that our various programs for action will fit together better and that the composite of our efforts may prove of greater practical value to the President?

I await your reaction to this suggestion.

Sincerely and cordially yours,



Frederic A. Delano
Chairman