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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

January 5th, 1935.

Mr. A. B. Irvine,
1401 Walker Bank Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Irvine:

While in Salt Lake last July I explained to you and Sam Thurman that it was possible I might find it necessary to impose on your friendship and ask your assistance in protecting the interests of the Government in relation to a group of income tax cases, that involve more than \$ 6,000,000.00 additional tax and penalties, upon which I have been engaged for the past two years in the capacity of an Internal Revenue Agent.

You and Sam are probably better acquainted with my past history and pedigree than any other persons. I know you will both appreciate that I would not make this request unless there were very substantial reasons behind it.

If possible, I desire to make an appointment to talk with Mr. Marriner S. Eccles, Governor Federal Reserve Board, with the not unreasonable hope that I will be able to convince him that the cases referred to should be called to the personal attention of the Honorable Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury. The only other alternative I have is to prefer charges against one of the Government's attorneys and I am reluctant to take this course for the reason that it would be a serious if not fatal handicap in the ultimate outcome of these cases.

I will be glad to go to Washington at the convenience of Mr. Eccles, provided the appointment can be arranged.

Bruce Wedgwood,
Internal Revenue Agent,
751 Federal Building,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. IRVINE
D. A. SKEEN
SAM D. THURMAN

IRVINE, SKEEN & THURMAN
LAW OFFICES
SUITE 1401 WALKER BANK BUILDING
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

January 7, 1935.

*Thurs
11:00*

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles
Governor Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D. C.

My dear Friend:

Bruce Wedgwood is a son of my old law partner, General E. A. Wedgwood, who died a number of years ago. Bruce is a man about forty years old, well educated, well trained and with an unusually keen mind. For many years past he has been, and now is, in the service of the Treasury Department Internal Revenue Division. He served in the Northwest and in Honolulu and, for the past few years, has had his headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. Last summer he visited Salt Lake and in his conversation with me and Sam Thurman indicated that he was working on a group of income tax cases that might produce very substantial results for the government.

This morning I received a letter from him, the original of which I enclose herein. Evidently Bruce is on the trail of something that would be of great interest to the Treasury Department, but is receiving some opposition from somebody in the organization, and he evidently thinks that the matter should be called directly to the attention of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. His letter is self-explanatory.

Bruce is an exceptionally fine fellow, and has a very keen mind, and I feel assured that he would not ask for an appointment with you if he did not feel that the situation justified it, and if he did not feel further that the matter would be of interest to you and to the Secretary. As I understand it, he is actuated solely by a desire to do his duty and to do a good job, and is asking nothing for himself other than the natural commendation that would come to a faithful servant. Knowing him as I do, I feel that you would be justified, and perhaps it would be your duty to give him the appointment he asks for.

I realize that you are a very busy man, but I venture to call this to your attention, feeling that you will be interested and with the hope that it might be of some service to you, as well as to our Government.

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Mr. Marriner S. Eccles
Governor Federal Reserve Board

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I have been hoping that I would have the pleasure of meeting you personally in Salt Lake to extend my congratulations on the splendid recognition that you have received. Your old friends here are all very proud of the record that you have made and appreciate the fact that your ability and services have been properly recognized.

Your old friends in Timpanogos have talked of you often and hoped that we would be able to get you out here some time to tell us what it is all about. When are you coming West? If you could give Timpanogos a couple of hours we would call a special meeting of the Club to entertain you.

Wishing you all of the success in the world in your new position, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. B. Irvine".

A. B. Irvine

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January 12, 1935

Mr. Larry Clayton
c/o Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Larry:

Enclosed you will find copy of a letter to Lon Irvine that is self-explanatory. At the time I wrote to Lon I did not know that you were on Mr. Eccles' staff.

I am up against the most difficult and perplexing problem that I have ever encountered during my service as a Revenue Agent. My desire is to accomplish its solution without jeopardizing the Government's interests.

I know that Mr. Eccles is a busy man and for this reason I feel very reluctant in asking his assistance in this matter. At the same time, I know of no other way to get the desired results. Can you help me out in this regard by suggesting that my request be transmitted to Mr. Morgenthau personally for his consideration with the hopes that he will call upon me for an explanation of the situation?

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Wedgwood

Bruce Wedgwood
751 Federal Building
Brooklyn, New York

BW:NS

January 12, 1935.

Mr. Bruce Wedgewood,
Internal Revenue Agent,
751 Federal Building,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Mr. A. B. Irvine of Salt Lake has
forwarded to Mr. Eccles your letter of January
5th.

Mr. Eccles has asked me to advise you
that he will be glad to see you at 11:00 Thurs-
day morning, January 17th. Mr. Eccles' office
is located Room 517 in the Washington Building.

If for any reason this time is not
agreeable to you, I will appreciate your notify-
ing me immediately.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. M. S. Eccles.

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