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THE NATIONAL METALS BANK

OF HANCOCK



HANCOCK, MICH.,

April 8, 1935

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Mr. M.S. Eccles, Governor
Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

We have just completed reading your address delivered before the annual midwinter meeting of the Ohio Bankers Association, at Columbus, Ohio, February 12, 1935 in which you set out and explain certain features of the new 1935 Bank Act. I am sure that the bankers greatly appreciate your explanation of this Bill as it gives them a very clear idea as to what can be expected if the Bill becomes a law.

There is one point in your address which is not clear to the writer: On page 7 of the Booklet in which you state "Had the Reserve banks bought securities in order to build up member banks' reserves, the rediscounts would have decreased and more gold would have to be pledged against the Federal Reserve notes". After reading your address, I construe that they all feel that under the proposed law, this would have been overcome.

Would you kindly forward to this office 12 additional copies of your address for distribution?

Yours very truly,


J.P. Thornton
Vice President-Cashier

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