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UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee On Military Affairs

Washington, D. C.

June 28, 1935

Dear Governor Eccles:

I shall appreciate it very much if you will give me your personal opinion as to the suggestion made in the enclosed copy of letter by one of my constituents. I am asking for this for my own information and will not quote you in any way.

Yours very sincerely,

Morris Sheppard

Enclosure

Governor Marriner S. Eccles

Federal Reserve Board,

Washington, D. C.

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W. F. SUDDATH & COMPANY
General Insurance Bonding Agents
Henrietta, Texas.

June 10, 1935

Hon. Morris Sheppard
Senator from Texas
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Re: The Federal Land Bank

The bank is of very little assistance in our County, and it appears to me that Congress ought to at least put other loaning institutions on an equity with it by exempting them from same taxes and other charges that the land bank enjoys, so that it will have a little competition and will try to give the public some service.

As it now is, it operates under the Government subsidizes, pays no taxes, and takes the best loans and freezes out all competitors, with the result that Independent loaning agencies are particularly put out of business.

It occurs to me that if the Independent Loaning Companies were put on an equity with the land bank, that many people would be employed who are not now employed and the land bank would not be so arbitrary and independent. As it now is, a person cannot get a fair appraisalment on land nor can he obtain a loan on anything like a normal valuation, with the result that land values have not increased like they should. If all companies had the same privileges the land bank had, they would open up and begin making good loans and it would increase our property and decrease the unemployment.

I would like very much to hear from you on this matter, as I consider it a serious thing.

Very sincerely yours,

(S) Donley Suddath