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Copy given to Mr. Currie

September 8, 1943.

Dear Arthur:

Referring to the meeting at the Treasury last Thursday afternoon which was held for the purpose of discussing a tax program, you will recall that there was presented by the Treasury a plan to place the expansion of the Social Security program at the center of the Administration's revenue proposal. When I was asked for my views, I suggested that I would like to think the matter over and submit a memorandum. The Secretary said he would be glad to have me do so.

Knowing of your interest in this subject, I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum together with a copy of my confidential letter of transmittal to Mr. Randolph Paul.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Arthur J. Altmeyer,
Chairman,
Social Security Board,
1825 H Street, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

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September 7, 1943

Dear Fred:

Enclosed I am sending you the requested copy of my confidential letter and memorandum to Mr. Paul discussing the recent Treasury Plan to place the expansion of the Social Security program at the center of the Administration's revenue proposal. As we agreed the other night, this plan would be a most unfortunate tactical mistake.

I understand that the Secretary is to see the President tomorrow morning to obtain White House support for this proposal. I hope, however, that something can be done to avoid final crystallization of the Secretary's program in its present form.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles.

Enclosure

Honorable Fred M. Vinson,
Director of the Office
of Economic Stabilization,
Washington, D. C.

September 8, 1943.

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Sincerely yours,

Honorable Harold D. Smith,
Director,
Bureau of the Budget,
Washington, D. C.

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