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Dear Mr. Eccles:

Your letter in response to my telegram relative to the Federal Housing Administration extension was received several days ago, but, owing to an attack of influenza, I have been delayed in answering.

Newspaper reports state that the extension will be granted, and I truly hope so. As stated in my telegram, I heartily believe that the plan is one of the most outstanding in the recovery program. It was apparent to me when it was adopted, and our bank immediately went into it with all the enthusiasm possible. We have done everything to demonstrate our faith in the plan, and the results have proven most satisfactory. I just can not understand why many bankers fail to see both the present and the ultimate advantages, not only to their respective institutions, but also to the country at large. Today we have in excess of \$11,500,000. in such loans, and we are looking forward to a goal of \$20,000,000. within a short time.

I must stop, else I will bore you. Please pardon the length of this letter, but really I am ultra-enthusiastic about all your recovery plans. You and your associates are doing a wonderful job and you deserve and should have the unanimous support of all financial institutions.

A short time ago I told a Washington official when he called that my bank was the "guinea pig" of the Administration, because I have tried every recovery formula and have found each of them reacting most satisfactorily. Louis Cates was with me around the holidays. He knows my sentiments because every time I see him I just start raving, and do not give him a chance to reply except to nod in agreement.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



PARKER S. MADDUX
President

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

February 11, 1937

Dear Mr. Maddux:

I enjoyed reading your recent letter and appreciated your writing to me. As you probably know, the amendment extending the guaranty in Title II of the Housing Act passed the Senate on February 3. Arrangements have been made with the Rules Committee of the House, I understand, to have the amendment brought up for action by the House this afternoon, in which event the amendment will no doubt have become law before you receive this letter.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles
Chairman

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