

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1946

In reply refer to
PL

My dear Mr. Eccles:

I have noted with a great deal of interest the very excellent article, "The United Kingdom and Postwar International Trade," which appears on pages 1-13 of the January issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

It has occurred to me that use of the article and also of the text of the British White Paper which appears on pages 20-27 of the same issue of the Bulletin, would be extremely valuable in connection with the Department of State's information program on the recent Anglo-American financial agreement.

The information program is being handled by the Department's Division of Public Liaison, which is in a position to use this material widely in its work with publications, editors, writers, speakers, organized groups and radio people. Accordingly, I should like to inquire if 25,000 reprint copies of the article and the British White Paper could be made available for this purpose.

The Department, as you know, is making every attempt to supply to the American people the fullest possible information on the various aspects of our foreign policy; for it is realized that only against a vigorous background of informed public opinion can that policy achieve real success.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. Benton

Assistant Secretary

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

(Re PL)

February 19, 1946.

My dear Mr. Benton:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 18 with regard to the article, "The United Kingdom and Postwar International Trade," which, together with the text of the British White Paper, appears in the January issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin. Your letter is confirmatory of the request for reprints of the article. I understand that 24,000 reprints have now been delivered to the State Department. It is gratifying to know that you consider this material valuable in connection with the Department's program on the recent Anglo-American financial agreement.

Because of your interest, I am venturing to enclose a copy of the talk I gave on this subject a week ago Saturday before the Foreign Policy Association in Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) M. S. Eccles.

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

The Honorable William Benton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure