

Treasury Department  
Division of Monetary Research

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To: Mr. Eccles

Draft suggested by Mr. Ruml  
of the statement that might be included  
in the report.

MR. WHITE

We recommend that in one of your earlier messages to Congress some brief statement be made summarizing in general terms the substance of this report. We believe that the ensuing public discussion, and, we hope, increased public understanding, of this portion of our national fiscal and monetary problem will make more effective such measures as may be undertaken. We also believe that some increased measure of public confidence and hopefulness will be engendered from public awareness that fiscal and monetary policy is studied and administered from the point of view herein expressed.

7. Special attention should be given to the fact that the anticipated deficit will be greatly less in the second half of the coming fiscal year than in the first half. The resulting reduction in the additions to buying power contributed by the Government <sup>may</sup> give rise to a problem of timing that merits intensive study.