December 27, 1938.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed is a copy of an open letter which I sent to Senator Byrd in answer to a very violent personal attack which he directed to me in the course of a general criticism of government policy when he spoke in Boston on December 10th.

As my reply deals largely with questions of government spending and the public debt, I felt you might be interested in having a copy.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Chairman.

Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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Sent to: Messrs. Cummings, Wayne Taylor, Preston Delano, Walter Lippmann, Goldsborough, Steagall, Wagner, Coyle and Hopkins.