Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 26, 1938.

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

My dear Governor:

In this morning's Post I read with intense
delight and complete approval your answer to Senator
Byrd.

With that philosophy animating the Board
in the ensuing two critical years, those of us who
look forward with courage and determination need have
no fears that our leadership lacks what it takes to
meet the grave and multitudinous responsibilities that
the situation entails.

Let me say that I personally believe that
the examination of banks should be in one department
and that the relation of the Federal Reserve System to
the banks is so close that the examining authority should
be vested there. "Too many cooks spoil the broth" is
old and trite, but, nevertheless true. Our government
has ignored this truism to its great loss and detriment
both in the matter of economy and efficiency.

With heartiest congratulations and the
season's greetings, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Thomas F Ford

January 3, 1939.

Dear Mr. Ford:

This is to thank you for your letter of
December 26th with reference to my recent reply to
Senator Byrd. I was very much gratified to have your
approving comment for, of course, the subject matter
is jighly controversial, widely misunderstood, and bound
to be more productive of brickbats than of bouquets.
However, I felt that if in this way it were possible
to timulate discussion, it would be all to the good.

I was also interested in your reference to
the close relationship between monetary policy and bank
examinations. You and I have the same viewpoint on
this question.

I greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness in
writing and I want to reciprocate most heartily your
good wishes of the season.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Honorable Thomas F. Ford,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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