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Hon Marviner S Eccles Chairman
Federal Reserve Board
Washington DC

Dear Sir,

Why not instigate an attempt to remove the necessity of any one relying on the Government for support by relief work

A few years ago the Police Dept gave out 2000 mousetraps to drivers who had defective cars, two hundred and fifty in one day, there was work that ought to be done that was not being done. That one day of Police work put a lot of mechanics to work and probably saved a number of lives

Why not have laws and enforce them to compel work to be done that ought to be done if this was done relief work rolls would be thing of the past

One could write thousands of words along these lines but you get what I mean

Take Prospect Park thousands of valuable trees and shrubbery going to ruin earth washed away from roots 'work to be done that ought to be done'

Consider the amount of money going into Savings Banks providing they get more than they need to live on

They should be compelled to circulate not
board give dentist doctor pharmacist
and other charts - chance to live and
your plan helps let the carpenter and painter
go to work

When we labor men go into conference
with our employers we lose our wage on the
cost of living we do not make any allowance
for a working man depositing in a savings
bank 25 to 75% of his salary we fear an amount
that we believe will have to be spent to exist on

us for the Hon Harry F Byrd if he can
point a single unfilled job in the USA
that will hire a man let him indicate it
and a million WPA stand ready to take it
let industry go wide (and if they don't let us
have laws enforced that will send three million of
abled bodied citizen will go to work on them
I see no other solution

I thank you
W J Gilmore

1310 Rogers Ave
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January 3, 1939.

Mr. W. J. Gilmour,
1310 Rogers Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. Gilmour:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 26th with reference to my recent reply to Senator Byrd.

I found your comments both pertinent and interesting, and I agree that without the government activity, there would be millions fewer jobs both in industry as well as outside and much less productive and useful work done.

I wanted you to know that I appreciated your observations and your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

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of the
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