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March 25, 1947.

Dear Mr. Upgren:

Some time ago you referred briefly, but eloquently, in a note to the Chairman to the performance staged by Jake Vardaman when he was in Minneapolis. The Chairman wondered if you could search your memory sufficiently to give him a confidential memorandum as to the line that Vardaman took which elicited your vivid adjective.

We have reports from about all the Reserve districts which he has visited and they are pretty much the same. That is, he attacked the Board, sometimes subtly and sometimes openly, and has also castigated John Snyder and even the President in various conversations, according to a large number of reports from the field which have come to the Secretary and others. Chairman Eccles would appreciate it, as would all the Board members with one exception, if you could give us confidentially your recollection of what occurred when he was in Minneapolis.

For your confidential information, I am enclosing a copy of a report from one of the districts which shows the line taken, and it would be interesting to know if this is in a general way what he said in Minneapolis. As this is, of course, very confidential, I wish you would be good enough to return it to me when you have finished with it.

Sincerely yours,

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