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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

December 10, 1937

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

Dear Mr. Eccles:

The notation on the attached picture is incorrect. It should read "The Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board demonstrates his ability as a slight-of-hand artist to the absolute bewilderment and confusion of the Senator from South Carolina."

I do not know exactly what kind of trick you were putting on with your hands, but have no doubt it was a good one.

Please mail the photograph in the enclosed envelope to the International News Photo.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES F. BYRNES.

JFB:csc

December 17, 1937.

My dear Senator:

Thank you for letting me see the photograph which, as requested, I have forwarded to the International News in the envelope you enclosed.

I cannot account for the sleight-of-hand gestures except on the ground that I was about to sneeze. The photograph is equally unjust to you because a look of "absolute bewilderment and confusion" is utterly foreign to you from my observation.

Again, with thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Honorable James F. Byrnes,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

(Photograph mailed to International News on 12/14/37-meb)

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