

December 11, 1940.


Dear Senator Townsend:

You have been much in my thoughts of late and I have wished that I might see you for a moment just to say a word or two that can be better spoken than put down on cold paper. I feel badly about the prospect of your leaving the Senate, for you have always been a true friend of all of us who are interested in the Federal Reserve System. You have been a constant source of help and understanding, and I am particularly indebted to you for your unfailing kindness and courtesy to me. I had wanted to say at least this much when we chanced to meet.

I have no words to say what has been in my heart since learning of your bereavement. Nor have I any philosophy that gives me much comfort when young lives are cut short. I simply wanted to tell you that my deepest sympathy goes out to you, for I know what it is to suffer such a loss.

Very sincerely,

Honorable John G. Townsend, Jr.,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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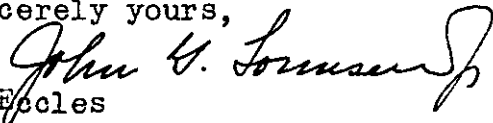
December 13, 1940

Dear Mr. Eccles:

You have no idea how much I appreciate your letter; it is so sincere and so beautifully expressed. It has helped me a great deal to know that such friends as you have been thinking of me in understanding sympathy.

I shall cherish my pleasant associations with you and I shall miss those contacts more than I can say.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Marriner S. Eccles
Washington
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