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July 14, 1942

A. HAND JAMES, CLERK
CECIL E. NORMENT, ASST. CLERK

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles
Chairman, Federal Reserve System
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Eccles:

I hand you herewith a letter. I will
thank you to answer the writer of it and send me
a copy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

JWB:c
Enc.



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July 15, 1942

A. HAND JAMES, CLERK
CECIL E. NORMENT, ASST. CLERK

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles
Chairman, Federal Reserve System
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Eccles:

I enclose another letter on the subject
of the bankers paying nothing for bonds. I at-
tach copy of my answer.

*returned
with reply
to Senator.*

You will observe that the writer of the
letter quotes you. I think the misapprehension
ought to be cleared up, but I despair of over-
taking writers like Mr. Kindig. At that they are
no worse than some Members of the Congress.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,



JWB:c
Enc.

July 16, 1942.

My dear Senator Bailey:

I have your letter of July 14 enclosing one dated June 25 from Mr. Charles P. Barrett, to which you suggest that I prepare a reply.

Apparently Mr. Barrett labors under the same delusions as Father Coughlin and some other chronic critics of a capitalistic democracy. His argument is an old and familiar one which we have answered time and again, though never with any expectation that those who are entranced by this scarecrow will understand that it is just a straw man.

In a letter some time ago to Senator Vandenberg and subsequently in an open letter to Mr. Wright Patman, I undertook to deal with the underlying facts and the falsity of the premises of this argument which Mr. Barrett echoes. It would be appropriate, it seems to me, if you care to send him copies of these former letters and for that purpose I enclose them.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Honorable Josiah W. Bailey,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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(MR. BARRETT'S LETTER RETURNED TO SENATOR BAILEY)

July 17, 1942.

My dear Senator Bailey:

This is to acknowledge your letter of July 15 enclosing the one from Mr. Kindig and your reply of July 15. I enclose additional copies of the two letters I sent you yesterday in case you feel like passing them on to this correspondent, but I agree with you that it is probably a waste of time. A few people here and there, deluded by Father Coughlin and his kind, have become obsessed with this idea. I do not know how you can remove the misconceptions except by a kindergarten course in economics, and there is no assurance that that would either reach these people or enlighten them.

I was interested in reading your reply to this man, and my only regret is that the quoted fragment from my testimony should have prompted these letters to you, especially at a time when you are preoccupied with much more important matters.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Honorable Josiah W. Bailey,
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Washington, D. C.

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