November 5, 1942.

My dear Senator:

I am so disappointed and disheartened by the
outcome in your State that I cannot refrain from send-
ing you this note. You have been so uniformly under-
standing and helpful to all of us here that I hate to
think of your leaving the Senate, particularly at this
time when we need more than ever and have so few men
with a comprehension of economic, banking, and credit
matters. Political results are frequently inexplicable
to me. When the ablest and best informed men who are
rendering the finest kind of public service are not re-
tained but demagogues and outright disloyalists stay on,
it doesn't make sense.

I have heard over and over again in the last
twenty-four hours expressions of very real disappoint-
ment over the result in your case - expressions that
had nothing to do with politics as such, but are a
tribute to your fine record and service in the Senate.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Prentiss M. Brown,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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November 11, 1942

Mr. M. S. Eccles, Chairman
Board of Governors
Federal Reserve System
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

Your letter is very heartening to me. It is
very hard to lose, but it is one of the things that
those of us in public life have to take. Your writing
makes it easier for me.

The tremendous amount of mail I have received,
not only from Michigan but from the country at large,
makes me feel that, regardless of the result of the
election, my services to the state and the country are
appreciated. In fact, I have the feeling that I am
receiving credit beyond my deserts. However, in a case
like mine your kind words are most comforting.

Sincerely yours,

Prentiss M Brown