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FEB 19 1951 Juane Of THE MANA RESERVE SISTEM pasa Bounkage Miss Crace Birmingham, 2917 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore 18, Maryland.

Dear Miss Birmingham:

I want to thank you for your letter of February 17 and for your expression of confidence in the Board's efferts to fight inflation. It is always a pleasure to hear from people like yourself who have given earnest thought to the long-run consequences of current policies.

You are quite correct in feeling that the present "cheap money" policy coold, if continued indefinitely during a potentially inflationary period, lead to economic bankruptcy. You are also correct in your understanding that the Federal Reserve Board was established by the Congress as an independent agency. As a matter of fact, the history of other countries shows that when the central bank loses its independence and becomes simply a subservient branch of the government's financing department, economic and financial bankruptcy generally result. We should all do everything we can to see that no such catastrophe befalls this country.

Very truly yours,

M. S. Eccles.

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