

March 24, 1939.

Mr. Mariner S. Eccles  
Chairman of the Federal  
Reserve Board, Washington, DC.

Dear Sir;

In today's Chicago Tribune, a violently crazy anti administration paper, I note you are quoted as saying in your opinion the majority of the people of the United States want a reduction in the spending program of the country. I am enclosing this article clipped out of this paper.

The reason that prompts me to write this letter is this:- The trouble with you New Dealers in Washington is that you have lately acquired a defeatist philosophy imbued from the Republican newspapers of the country.

The country does NOT want a reduction of government expenses at the cost of the unemployed and kindred measures that help the masses. If the thing went to a vote of the country I'd be willing to bet my life that THE PEOPLE would vote to go along with Roosevelt by a majority of two to one.

Don't let that Republican propaganda fool you into falling into line with them... For the love of common sense, Mr. Eccles, I thought you were brainier than that.

Here in Chicago we were a little shocked at reading your statement last night - for it certainly is not the concensus of common opinion in Chicago. The Chicago Tribune has been defeated in every candidate it boosted for many years - and people do not pay any attention to its ravings.

We think here that if Roosevelt would run again in 1940 he would beat anybody the miserable Republican party could put up by at least ten million majority.

Sincerely,

*Joseph H. Anderson*

112 East Superior St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

March 28, 1939.

Mr. Joseph H. Anderson,  
112 East Superior Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 24 enclosing the clipping from the Chicago Tribune. I hope you are right about what the country wants, but unfortunately from my standpoint since I want the same thing, it does not appear to accord with what a majority in Congress is willing to vote. I trust that subsequent tests of public opinion will vindicate your viewpoint.

I am glad to have your encouragement and I thank you for taking the trouble to write to me.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

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Chairman's Office  
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Board of Governors  
Federal Reserve System