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My dear Mr. Marriner:

A week ago today Peter M Jensen came and said he had two trees loaded with apricots, and for us to come and get some.

So while I was up on the ladder dropping the cots down into the basket on the ground he stood there talking, with his ear phones. Somehow we got onto the Eccles family - and you. About the first thing he said was, "That Marriner is a very shrewd young man!" And then he added, "It sure took a lot of stamina to stay on the Board after Truman put another man in his place as President of it!" And he is right, Peter M.

Well, he's proud of you, as any uncle should be. But I thot you'd like to hear this first hand, word for word almost.

So in telling Kitty about it; that's my girl that's Willard's secretary at the bank, she urged me again to drop you a line and tell you of my attitude and what I have said of your marvelous achievements. It is simply this, as I told Peter M. too; I am convinced that in 50 years or so, we as a people will look back and point to **Marriner Stoddard Eccles as the top product of our day and generation in The Church.** I have said this for years, even tho I've often been challenged.

Well, I'm not looking for a job or a loan or a tip. These are merely my views, based upon hard cold realities, and also upon human tendencies. THEN - we'll not be asking if he goes to his meetings, Etc., (not said in criticism - at all), but you'll loom up as a giant among men, especially in your youthful years. In the broadest sense, The Church is an industry. IT's a process rather than an institution or phylosophy, and IT's for us here and now, and the meetings after all are but a means to an end; and this is it. It isn't fair for me to go this far, but Mr. Marriner, as a matter of actual truth, it's awful hard for some of us to recognize our own teachings in action. For example; It broke my heart at our last Gen'l Conference that not a single word of commendation was said of the action of Congress, (just the week before) in spending some six billions of dollars for the relief of the peoples of the world in distress. In principle, it is nothing short of the story of the good Samaritan all over again. There's a wide difference in the setting, and mostly in the method, but if we are not going to use this for righteousness,

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is a man of gentle or refined manners; a well-bred man of fine feelings, especially one of good character, raised above the vulgar by habits, education and social esteem.—Webster

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what are we to use. (That's off the cuff, but in a way, it applies to you.)

But honestly, ever since that change was made in putting another man in your place as Chairman of The Board of Governors of The Federal Reserve System of Our Government in Washington, my heart has gone out in admiration for you; and if it's fair to say so, for The System that produced us also, for needless to admit that I find myself interpreting most everything in life in term of The Church, pretty much. And maybe you do too, more or less.

I honor you. I wanted you to "stay with the ship" like you did. I'm glad you did not flare up and quit, like a pinhead. That made you a bigger man, not only in the eyes of all of us, but in reality and in essense. I liked it, and I've used you as an example in many of my talks in the Wards, for to me, that vital lesson was learned in some little Quorum of The Priesthood in Cache valley and in the mission field, for that very thing is most common among us. One day we're at the top, like Sam Dye, and the next day we're taking orders. That takes a big man. But that's what The Church does for us - in the process. Just imagin J Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I. in that setting - if you can, or Cordell Hull.

Besides, that noble course shows that you are working - for America, and for the American people, and that Marriner Eccles is second to his task and his duty.

Personally - I am satisfied that the last chapter in the story has not yet been written; not by a long ways, and not even in The Church; but even tho you quit tomorrow or are let out, the thing has been done, and it's a part of America, and it's a part of us, and no one can ever undo the record of the past twelve momentous years. Much like Seward said of Lincoln, "Now he belongs to the ages". Some day we'll ALL appreciate your faithfulness.

I want you to do the best you can - as An Elder in Israel, under the circumstances, my dear Mr. Marriner, and the Lord will bless and sustain you. And not because I say so either. These things just come. Like America; It says any nation that possesses this land shall serv the God of the land or be destroyed. Well, if we are not destroyed, but prosper instead, does that mean we are serving the God of the land. What else? What else, I beg of you, my dear fellow. And the same applies to you and to me and all of us. These are but the ABCs of good common sense or of simple arithmetic or logic, or whatever you want to call it.

Please favor me and not answer this letter. Pardon me for writing and for using this personal stationary. I've used it for more than twenty years.

Your friend,

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Dear Mr. Bell:

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to write as you did on August 5. It is always gratifying to receive encouraging words from those who approve of my efforts to be helpful to our country.

I am just carrying on my responsibilities as I see them, and, of course, I am lucky to have a fine heritage.

Sincerely yours,

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