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To Chairman Eccles

Subject: Material in connection with

From Lauchlin Currie

speech

L.C.C.

On page 15 the tax paid by Englishmen is \$558.12 and by the American, \$48. At the bottom of the page insert 1.5 and on the top of page 16 insert 1 per cent.

I am enclosing some material on the farm situation. You will note that cash farm income reached a high point in April of 1937 and did not start to decline until August.

CASH FARM INCOME

INDEX

1924-1929=100

(AAA payments included)

	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>
January	66.6	79.6
February	63.0	76.6
March	69.3	94.6
April	74.0	96.4
May	79.5	81.9
June	86.7	87.7
July	90.8	95.8
August	75.8	85.6
September	78.2	81.6
October	78.6	78.0
November	79.7	73.9
December	82.8	73.4

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS (Aug. 1909-July 1914 = 100)

	<u>Prices received for farm products</u>	<u>Prices paid for goods bought</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
<u>1936</u>			
January	109	122	89
February	109	122	89
March	104	121	86
April	105	121	87
May	103	121	85
June	107	120	89
July	115	123	93
August	124	126	98
September	124	127	98
October	121	127	95
November	120	127	94
December	126	128	98
Average	(114)	(124)	(92)
 <u>1937</u>			
January	131	130	101
February	127	132	96
March	128	132	97
April	130	134	97
May	128	134	96
June	124	134	93
July	125	133	94
August	123	132	93
September	118	130	91
October	112	128	88
November	107	127	84
December	104	128	81
Average	(121)	(131)	(92)

WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES

(Index numbers of Bureau of Labor Statistics. 1926 = 100)

<u>1936</u>	<u>Farm Products</u>	<u>Foods</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>Farm Products</u>	<u>Foods</u>
Jan.	78.2	83.5	Jan.	91.3	87.1
Feb.	79.5	83.2	Feb.	91.4	87.0
Mar.	76.5	80.1	Mar.	94.1	87.5
Apr.	76.9	80.2	Apr.	92.2	85.5
May	75.2	78.0	May	89.8	84.2
June	78.1	79.9	June	88.5	84.7
July	81.3	81.4	July	89.3	86.2
Aug.	83.8	83.1	Aug.	86.4	86.7
Sept.	84.0	83.3	Sept.	85.9	88.0
Oct.	84.0	82.6	Oct.	80.4	85.5
Nov.	85.1	83.9	Nov.	75.7	83.1
Dec.	88.5	85.5	Dec.	72.8	79.8