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Baltimore, Md.,
November 12, 1939.

Mr. B. C. Forbes,
120 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear sir:-

Shortly after the world war, I was working for a large corporation that manufactured machinery. Machinery was needed so badly at that time for peace time activities that this corporation made the mistake of putting out several hundred machines without the proper research and engineering having been done. The result was as would be expected. Complaints began to pour in. Some even boxed the machines up and sent them back with possibly only one letter of complaint. One letter interested me very much. The writer wrote-
Gentlemen, I have read very carefully everything that you have written me about the machine, but just the same it is on wheels coming back to you. It doesn't work properly, and I don't want it.

The point I want to bring out is that I don't think anymore of our democratic government than this man did of his machine. I'll admit that you made a fine case for democracy in your article which was published in the Baltimore American newspaper of today. Just the same I still wouldn't give a plugged dime for democracy. It doesn't work for all the people, and I don't like it even a little bit. I would swap it any day for a national dictatorship which would guarantee either a job or an adequate pension to each and every individual.

Being able to talk back at the government appeals to me not at all. I'll take security and pass up the opportunity to sass back. Moreover, I have found that the opportunity to talk freely, also gives the government the opportunity to pay no attention to one's talk. Such freedom as we have is, therefore, an empty ideology. We enjoy precious little real economic freedom under democracy

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Mr. Marriner S. Eccles, ✓
Chairman, Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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