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November 28, 1939.

Honorable Marriner Eccles,
Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Eccles:

I was much pleased with the emphasis you laid on your ideas of the basic need for restoration of prosperity, in your address to the bankers at St. Louis.

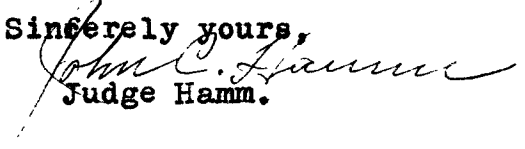
There isn't any doubt that the method suggested in your letter to me of August 10th last offers the correct solution.

I am so impressed with this that I have taken the liberty of addressing a letter to Mr. Paul V. McNutt, asking him to call on you in relation thereto. I sincerely hope he will do so.

Herewith inclosed a carbon copy of the letter for your information.

The cause of democracy in America is becoming desperate. I know you are right, and through the avenue suggested by you lies salvation.

Sincerely yours,


Judge Hamm.

November 28, 1939.

Honorable Paul V. McNutt,
Social Security Administrator,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McNutt:

It becomes more evident every day that you are the leading candidate, next to the President in case he elects to be a candidate, for the Democratic nomination next Spring.

I feel that you will not disdain a suggestion from an old Democrat who has been in active touch with the social, economic, professional and political life of our country for sixty years.

There is one man of prominence connected with the Executive branch of the present administration who has caught the vision of a solution for salvation of democracy in America, - salvation from a Fascist Oligarchy that is fast displacing the tenets and methods of democracy.

That man is Marriner Eccles, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Will you not sit down with him and talk through this question of social security? Will you not get the vision he has of the basic need for re-establishing prosperity, American ideals, American homes and firesides, and saving American democracy?

And when you have done so, and have adopted his ideals of a prosperity based upon the production and consumption of WEALTH, instead of a continued and futile attempt at restoration based on DEBT, you will have struck such a responsive chord in the people as will carry you triumphantly into the White House, where, with Marriner Eccles as your Secretary of the Treasury, you will be hailed as the Great Emancipator of the age.

The way is plain. The path is clear. The populace are eager for such a leader. Enter in.

Hopefully and sincerely,

Judge Hamm.

December 11, 1939.

Dear Judge Ham:

This is to thank you for your letter of November 28 with regard to my recent address in St. Louis. I was, of course, interested to have the copy of your letter to the Social Security Administrator.

I wanted you to know that I appreciate your encouragement and interest.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Judge John C. Hamm,
Temple City, California.

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