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49 West 91st NYC  
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May 13th, 1940

Marriner S. Eccles, Esq.,  
 Chairman, Federal Reserve Board,  
 33 Liberty Street,  
 New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Eccles,

You are the only person of influence who has had the vision and courage to advocate Governmental spending to sustain employment until some other solution can be worked out. The publication of your talk at the Economic Club dinner was a great source of comfort to us, although it apparently didn't qualify as "news that's fit to print", since I didn't observe it in the "Times", which has been most unfriendly to our cause.

My associates and I are deeply and earnestly grateful to you. You can gauge the extent of our gratitude by the desperation of our need for someone of influence to champion our cause, as outlined in the enclosed copy of letter to Freda Kirchwey. Mrs. Roosevelt is willing to do everything possible, but she cannot discuss legislation, of course. Two of the circumstances stated in Mrs. Kirchwey's letter have since altered. Wm. Allen White has changed his mind. I had a letter from him yesterday acknowledging receipt of material sent at his request, stating he is most sympathetic and our cause is certainly a just one. And, concludes Mr. White, "If it comes my way I shall be glad to write something in the Gazette".

Also, I am no longer employed on W P A. When I reported to work yesterday after a short illness I found that my job had been taken from me. A high official on W P A told me today there was no need to campaign for a higher budget, as all of us would soon have steady employment at good wages manufacturing munitions. Public relations has been my field for many years.

Will you not graciously grant me just a short interview? While this is the very worst impasse I've ever struck in my life, you certainly can't just let it go at that. We are realistic and practical, can supply you with facts gained by actual experience and research from an angle of the problem of unemployment with which we unfortunately are all too familiar.

We implore you to help us, Mr. Eccles.

Faithfully,

COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL WORK-OPPORTUNITY

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May 16, 1940.

Miss Madeleine Grey,  
Committee For Equal Work-Opportunity,  
49 West 91st Street,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Grey:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 13 with the enclosed clippings and copies of correspondence. If my discussion before The Economic Club of New York was of any comfort to you, I am, of course, gratified.

As I occupy a position which is not in the political field, I am not free to undertake public sponsorship of campaigning for specific measures that are the direct responsibility of various Government agencies. I have for a long time, however, done all I could in advocacy of certain general principles, and while I am sure you would be able to supply me with interesting facts gained from actual experience and research, there is nothing further that I could undertake to do that would be of assistance in the situation you describe.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

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