

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

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December 9, 1940.

Mr. W. C. Perry, 878 Elm Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Perry:

Chairman Eccles requested me to acknowledge receipt of your post card with reference to his recent talk before the National Industrial Conference Board.

Subsequent newspaper accounts were entirely misleading. As you will see from the text of what he actually said, the only reference to the subject of credits for the British raised the question of whether it would not be better to extend such credits, taking gold and other assets as collateral, instead of permitting gold and silver acquisitions to increase still further both deposits and excess reserves of the banking system.

Very truly yours,

Elliott Thurston, Special Assistant to the Chairman.

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