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Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Federal Reserve Board Building Washington, D. C.

My dear Chairman Eccles:

The Annual Conference of The United States Conference of Mayors is being held in Washington at the Mayflower Hotel, on January 12-14. The Mayors of the two hundred largest cities in our country, together with other municipal officials, will be in attendance for the specific purpose of discussing the general question of National Defense.

Our general session on Tuesday afternoon, January 13, is to be devoted to the general subject of "Defense and the Future". I need not indicate to you the intense interest of the chief executives of the major cities of the country in this whole problem of post-war planning, especially insofar as it relates to the cities. Public works, credit, housing, taxation, all are involved. The Mayors are most hopeful that when, as and if the present situation ends we will not be faced with conditions that existed in the early thirties.

As President of the Conference and at the direction of our Executive Committee, I cordially invite you to speak at this time to the Mayors on the general subject of "Post-War Programs and the Cities". You can readily appreciate, I am sure, the desire of our chief municipal executives to have you present this subject and for that reason I sincerely hope that nothing will prevent you from accepting our invitation.

The meeting will be held in the main ballroom at the Mayflower Hotel and you would be scheduled to speak at 2:30 P. M.

I should deeply appreciate it if you would let me hear from you as soon as possible at City Hall, New York City.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours

F. H. LaGuardia Mayor of New York City President, U. S. Conference of Mayors

November 19, 1941.

My dear Mayor LaGuardia:

Your letter inviting Mr. Eccles to address the Annual Conference of Mayors at two-thirty Tuesday afternoon, January 13, at the Mayflower Hotel here came in just after he had left for a week's trip to the West.

However, I read the letter to him over the telephone and he asked me to tell you that he felt very much honored by your invitation and would be glad to speak on the subject you suggest of "Post-War Programs and the Cities".

He will communicate with you further on his return next week.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Elliott Thurston

Elliott Thurston, Special Assistant to the Chairman.

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Hon. Elliott Thurston Special Assistant to the Chairman Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Federal Reserve Board Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thurston:

Mayor LaGuardia has asked me to write to you immediately expressing his deep appreciation for your note of November 19. I may say that all of the Mayors will be most happy to know that Chairman Eccles will participate with them in the Annual Conference on Tuesday afternoon, January 13. The session will be held in the Main Ballroom of the Mayflower, beginning at 2:30 P. M.

The matter of post-war planning is something of vital concern to the chief executives of the major cities, many of whom were in office in the early thirties when a desperate economic situation confronted them. All of them see the need for adequate thought and study at this time and they will look forward to Chairman Eccles' statement.

With best personal wishes always, I am

Faithfully you

Paul V. Betters Executive Director



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My dear Mr. Chairman:

The Mayors of the country are looking forward with interest to your participation in the Annual Conference of The United States Conference of Mayors on January 13 at 2:30 P. M. in the Main Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel.

Our national office has already received requests for advance copies of your paper. If you can send a copy of the statement you plan to make to Mr. Paul Betters, 730 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., sometime before January 10, it will be most helpful.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

F. H. LaGuardia President, U. S. Conference of Mayors

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Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System Federal Reserve Board Building Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Under separate cover I have forwarded to you a bound volume of "City Problems of 1942", this being the proceedings of the recent Annual Conference of Mayors. Included therein you will find your address and, therefore, I thought you would like to have a copy for your personal files.

I am,

Faithfully yours.

Paul V. Betters Executive Director

February 2, 1942.

Dear Mr. Betters:

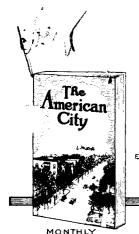
This is to thank you for your letter of January 29 and for the bound copy of "City Problems of 1942", which contains the proceedings of the Annual Conference of Mayors, including my com talk.

I am very glad to have this volume for my library and greatly appreciate your courtesy in sending it to me.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Eccles:

We are sending you two complimentary copies of the February issue of The American City Magazine, containing your article on "A Wartime Message to Mayors and Other Local Officials." You will find this on page 43.

Very truly yours, THE AMERICAN CITY MAGAZINE

Camilla McComber  $\mathscr{O}$ 

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Miss Camilla McComber, Assistant Editor, The American City Magazine, 470 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Miss McComber:

Chairman Eccles requested me to thank you for your letter of February 12 and for the two complimentary copies of the February issue of The American City Magazine containing his address before the Conference of Mayors.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Elliott Thurston

Elliott Thurston, Special Assistant to the Chairman.

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