

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Marriner S. Eccles Chairman of the Board of Governors Federal Reserve Board Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

In the American Banker of September 18, I read the detailed report of your address before that National Association of State Supervisors of State banks.

Indeed, I like your long-range, clear, and practical ideas on banking, etc. It is regrettable that your ideas were not incorporated in the laws enacted in 1933 and 1935, while most all interested parties would have accepted them; now many will protest such changes in our banking system.

"Necessity" is the greatest mother of invention.
Too many of us wait for a "necessity" before acting.
We close too many doors after the horse gets out.

Sincerely yours

I. W. HAWKINS

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