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Mr. MARRIMER S. ECCLES Federal Reserv System WASHINGTON

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to enclose the article I wrote in the "Jornal do Co mercio", about the statements made by you, before the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SUPER VISORS OF STATE BANKS on action's program against inflation. I have already writt en some other articles on speeches utter ed by you, previously.

In the above article I pointed out that we are bounded to follow United States example to improve our difficult position, entirely under the power of an accelerated inflation. I signalized too that, wherever subsists in inflation peril, the financial and economical order, foundation and base of the legal and social order, remains potentially threaten.

On the economic and financial politic, a great number of mistakes were committed by the Brazilian Government dur ing the war. We called too much upon cre dit instead of reinforcing direct tributation, to weaken the effects of budget deficit on high prices and cost of living.

Yours faithfully lufo

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To: Mr. Thurston

From: Mr. Hammond

Dr. de Lourenco is the chief of the division in the Brazilian Ministry of Finance and one of their ablest men, in Mr. Grove's opinion. I think it would be nice to say that the letter with his article has been received and read with interest and that Mr. Eccles is gratified to know how much the point of view he expressed here is appreciated elsewhere.

August 18, 1948.

My dear Dr. de Lourenco:

This is to thank you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy in sending me your letter of June 30 enclosing your article based on my address before the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks.

I was especially interested in your letter and its observations about the danger of inflation. I agree with you entirely.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Booles.

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