

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska
Dec. 2, 1948

Marriner S. Eccles
Vice Chairman Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles,

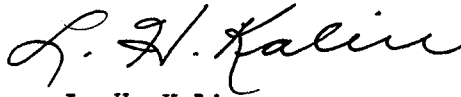
We think that you should insist on tightening bank credit, so that it will stop inflation. Money is so easy to borrow that prices remain high for durable goods, houses and farms.

We believe that bank credit, and the loaning ability of insurance companies, and commercial banks should be sharply curtailed. As long as people can borrow money inflation will not end.

As soon as business and capital sees that congress will not pass anti-inflation legislation, prices will go higher on durable goods. The fact is that the middle class and the poor people are being suppressed by unending inflation.

We know that you have the influence and the power to restrict money lending. This we sincerely believe is now urgently necessary. We trust that you will realize the uncomfortable condition today of the middle class and the poor people. With the greatest respect for your ability to advise the Federal Reserve Board, and wishing you much success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



L. H. Kalin
Beaver Crossing, Nebraska

December 16, 1948.

Mr. L. H. Kalin,
Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Kalin:

In response to your letter of December 2, 1948, I may say that the question of anti-inflationary measures, in so far as they lie within the scope of Federal Reserve influence, is constantly receiving the attention of the Board of Governors. My views were stated fully in hearings before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency on July 29 and 30, 1948 and before the House Committee on Banking and Currency on August 3, 1948. In an address before the Iowa Bankers Association Convention in Des Moines, Iowa on October 27, 1948, I discussed the economic dilemma that confronts us today and summarized the various aspects of the problem. I am therefore sending copies of the pamphlets containing these statements to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

M. S. Eccles.

Enclosures

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