

March 5-1945
Lamar, Colo.

Hon. Mariner S. Eccles
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I seem to hear much comment on rising Farm Land prices over the radio & news papers, which really don't seem to be the case in this part of the state at least, it may be else where.

So far around here I have not heard of an irrigated Farm that has sold near the price of what it was selling for in 1911 to 13 several years prior to World War I. Our prices of products are better ^{now} than they were then, also produce just as much or more per acre ^{now} than it did then. I have often wondered why the reason should be for that? I am personally interested in an estate, that we are trying to sell for what it was worth in 1912. Possibly Colorado is not doing enough advertising. Yours Truly
Paul C. G. Hays
Lamar, Colo.

March 9, 1945.

Mr. Paul Ployhaus,
Lamar, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Ployhaus:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 5 in regard to rising prices of farm land. In speaking of this and suggesting a special wartime capital gains tax when questioned on this subject by members of a Senate committee the other day, I was using figures for the country generally. I understand that there are exceptions to the general rule and your community appears to be one of them, though for what reason I am at a loss to understand in view of what you say. If you are successful in selling the estate to which you refer, it would not of course be affected by my suggestion in regard to the capital gains tax.

It occurred to me you might care to see the enclosed statement which I gave out to explain the reasons why I favor this expedient as a protective measure against inflationary forces.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Enclosure

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**Received in
Chairman's Office**

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of the
Federal Reserve System**