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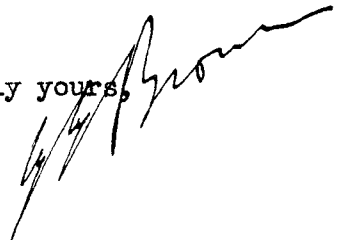
EDWARD E. BROWN

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

May 19, 1945

Dear Marriner:

I have your letter of May 15, about a heavy capital gains tax and I can only say that I remain unconvinced that it would be desirable. I do not think it would have any material effect as an anti-inflation measure and while it might be desirable as a revenue measure I am not sure but that it would do more harm than good. Personally, I think the six months' period in the present law is too short and I would be in favor of lengthening it to perhaps a year or eighteen months.

Sincerely yours,



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