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Great George Street,  
S.W.1.  
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Dear Mr. Harrod,

Sir Richard Hopkins is away on leave at present so I am keeping your letter of 30th July, about the Beveridge Report and family allowances, to show to him on his return. I am sure he will be interested to know if anything more transpires in connexion with the Beveridge Report.

Yours sincerely,  
Q. M. Tearing

R.F. Harrod, Esq.,  
Christ Church,  
Oxford.

Dear Harrod

Thanks for your note.  
Keynes has nearly completed a review taking account of death Row's criticisms.  
I have asked him to send you a reply saying in just how the matter stands

Jones  
R. V. N. Hopkins



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Dear Harrod  
The telephone lady tells me Oxford is 2 hours delay. It is 11.40. Probably I will get you tomorrow.  
I feel I am still a learner on buffer stocks but my meetings take so distressingly opposite views. I am certainly not pressing the distressing news in its present or its previous form. At present I feel shaken by the critics

If you are coming up to town earlier than Friday for the meeting would like to have a talk with me on Thursday afternoon I should welcome it.  
R. V. N. Hopkins

Dear Hopkins

You will see in the attached letter that I think it was right to make some concession to the restrictionist idea, but that the revised memorandum goes too far. I <sup>do</sup> hope that the matter may yet be re-considered.

What sticks in my throat is that we should go out of our way to make proposals which are both contrary to our long run trading interests and to sound doctrine. Opinion is no doubt divided in America as elsewhere, but I should ~~have~~ feel confident that among the people detailed to discuss these matters there will be at least some friends of sound doctrine, whose goodwill and interest we should from the outset seek to win and turn to our advantage, entering into a sort of natural alliance with them.

I have not circulated <sup>the attached</sup> this letter (or my other scribbles); neither is perhaps altogether suitable. But I can readily concoct something if ~~you~~ my misgivings ~~were~~ would be a convenient opening for further discussion

Sir Richard Hopkins, S.C.D.

Treasury Chambers,  
Whitehall, S.W.

12th May, 1942.

Dear Harrod,

I am afraid that I did not reply at the time to your letter of the 15th April with notes on the forthcoming conversations but I read them with interest and profit and found myself in general agreement with the earlier part of your note and in general sympathy with your feeling that we should try to present our balance of payments difficulties as part of a world problem and not as an exclusively British affair. At present I am disposed to feel that you are aiming higher in part of your case than the known facts entitle us at present to expect, but it may be that the American conversations will show me wrong.

I am not attempting to go into questions in detail for Keynes is taking them up with you and I am following the course of the correspondence but I wanted to say that I think there is much to profit from in what you have written.

Yours sincerely,

*A. V. N. Hopkins*

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