

2nd July, 1942.

Dear Maynard,

I do hope that you will be able to have a look at this. I wonder how much you agree with it.

I also hope that you will not make any concession of substance about paragraph 16 (Buffer Stock paper). It would be very wrong to be deflected in these vital matters by a few rather flimsy arguments.

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that a document on these lines should be drafted by the appropriate person for the committee and ultimately (but soon) for Ministers, as a supplement to the Bible, so that the officials and Ministers concerned may come to think alike, and thereby to decide and act in harmony in all matters that are relevant, even if only indirectly, to the main issues.

We have in mind that the Bible with its wealth of argument and erudition has left a rather hazy impression on all except those concerned in its drafting. The preamble did indeed bring the issues together but rather from the point of view of eliciting the necessary authority than of expounding the central strategy.

The attached note is only a skeleton. I have left out many connecting arguments. I have tried to put this in such a way as to emphasize the vital conclusions and elicit latent disagreement, if that exists.

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