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Mr. Henry Hazlitt  
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Dear Mr. Hazlitt:

Many thanks for your article "When Government Lends" which appeared in NEWSWEEK of May 2. I hastened to have my sixteen-year old son read it. He had previously read in the public press only that the report "reeked with falsehood and misstatement", and I was not at all sure that my explanations had got through to him. Sixteen is the age when kids get skeptical about the old man even with no outside help. So, you have squared me up at home, and that's important.

A report like this one naturally meets with more resistance than endorsement, perhaps for the very same reasons which make it important that attention be paid to the problems it describes. So, endorsement is more than welcome. Especially powerful endorsement.

Yesterday I saw a demonstration of the power. Your piece was set before an important Washington official who, before reading it, felt the report was impossibly reactionary. For himself he thought there was salvage in it, but he didn't think it could get much sympathetic response from others. After reading your piece he came around some, and now he says something may still be possible. Wonderful word -- possible.

Your comments help build willingness to make another study some time. Believe me it takes a beating in the process.

Cordially yours,

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