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Dear Seldon,

Thank you for your note of the 3rd. I knew of course that I would offend Keynes' admirers, but what am I now to do? Write another critique of Keynes? I am firmly convinced that Keynes' knowledge not only of economis but also of modern economic history, particularly the 19th century was somewhat limited and I believe I knew Ricardo and, by the nineteen-forties when I discussed such matters with him, even Marwhall more intimately Of course Choice in Currency dealt than he did. with this only incidentally as an introduction to toerh problems, assuming that we had done with Keynessianism (and I had the condemnation of the inflationism of his most immediate pupils from his own mouth).

I do not see how in a lecture I could possibly also have gone into the Euro-dollar problem, but I am very much aware that the creation of circulating claims in terms of a currency issued by somebody else is the most serious difficulty.

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I have, incidentally, started writing a book on the general issue of concurrent currencies and don't quite know whether I am to give precendence to this of to vol.III of L.L.&L.

WIth best regards,

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