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Our feeling here is that the depression is world wide, and that, whatever its cause, it reached its lowest point in the latter part of 1932, since which time there has been steady and substantial progress. Just how far this progress will go, and when and where it will stop, no one, of course, knows. I am a Republican, and worked and voted against the election of President Roosevelt, but since his inauguration on March 4th, 1933, in common with most Republicans, including President Hoover, I have advocated assisting the President to the utmost of one's ability. The situation was so grave, and power and responsibility had been bestowed on Mr. Roosevelt by such an emphatic majority, that it seemed to me clear that the thing to do was to endeavor to assist in making his policies a success. The chief public criticism of the Administration's policies comes largely from Democratic sources, although some Republican Senators, notably Ex-Senator Watson, and Senators Schall of Minnesota, White of Maine, and Hatfield of West Virginia, are making speeches and issuing statements criticizing the President's policies. There was also both Republican and Democratic opposition in the Senate when the National Industrial Recovery Act was being passed. I enclose you a leaflet, by a Mr. Rorty, with whose politics I am not acquainted, but who at least is not a prominent Republican, and also the most recent of the Kiplinger letters. Mr. Kiplinger is, I understand, a life long Democrat. Those who know him report him as honest, and the feeling is that he tries to be accurate. A few weeks ago, General Johnson, the head of the NRA, who is no diplomat, sent for Mr. Kiplinger and told him that his criticisms of the NRA were not fair. Most people think that Mr. Kiplinger tried to be fair.

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