that a failure to negotiate collective actions solving the problems of confidence and adjustment might jeopardize the successful solution of the liquidity problem. With this prospect in mind, they may overcome their disinclination to resume their efforts toward a cooperative completion of the entire agenda.

Now that the United States has imposed mandatory restrictions on capital movements and proposes to impose restriction on purchases of foreign services, the blessings of a scheme to create liquidity seem less promising. The main justification – perhaps the only one that really counts – of the creation of international reserves is the avoidance of restrictions. If it takes restrictions to activate a plan for the creation of reserves, the whole idea is defiled.

How sad that intelligent people work hard to find suitable means for achieving desirable ends, then promote the means as if they were ends in themselves, and begin pursuing them with instruments that negate the original ends.