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My dear Mr. Scott:

Your letter of October thirteenth to the President has been received, and I do want to assure you that your interest in writing is appreciated. It will indeed be helpful to him to have the benefit of this expression on the part of the national affairs committee of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Very sincerely yours,

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY
Secretary to the President

Mr. C. E. Scott,
President,
Long Beach Chamber of Commerce,
Long Beach 2,
California.

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LONG BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Long Beach 2, California

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October 13, 1948

Dear President Truman:

Our national affairs committee has given much of its attention to the present international situation. That committee urged and our Board of Directors on October 11 approved a motion placing our Chamber of Commerce on record as backing the federal government in its decision to take a strong stand in the present Berlin and German crisis.

We recommend that the United States not retreat from Berlin in the face of Russian threats since such retreat would ultimately throw all of western Europe into the Russian sphere of influence. It is also recommended that the federal government continue its present practice of using all reasonable diplomatic means possible to avoid war.

We hope this expression of opinion will be of value to you and we are forwarding similar letters to our congressional representatives and to the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

C. E. Scott

C. E. Scott, President

The Honorable Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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