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Dear Mr. Lippmann:

I send you herewith a copy of a speech which Mr. Acheson will make tomorrow in Mississippi.

In my opinion one of the chief meanings of the Truman speech of March 12 has been largely ignored, namely, that the United States is prepared to use its economic resources to help remedy the conditions of economic anarchy in which Communism inevitably breeds. There has been too much concentration upon the military aspects of that program which are, in fact, quite unusual.

In tomorrow's speech Mr. Acheson hopes to bring discussion back on a level where it belongs. Many people have critizied the Truman doctrine as being negative. It seems to me that this speech outlines a positive economic program.

I notice that you have been emphasizing this theme for several weeks, and I am sure you will want to give this careful attention.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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