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July 26, 1948

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Dear Mr. Mayor:

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You may be sure that this Government has been giving, and will continue to give, every consideration to all practical measures to relieve the situation in Berlin, and that your proposal is being considered along with others.

Very sincerely yours,

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY  
Secretary to the President.

Honorable Michael V. Disalle,  
Mayor of Toledo,                       
Toledo, Ohio. x

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to State of appropriate consideration by memo 7-26-48

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July 26, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR

HONORABLE GEORGE C. MARSHALL,  
The Secretary of State. X 70

The attached telegram is referred  
for your consideration. I have written  
Mayor Disalle and attach a copy of my  
letter to him.

Thank you.

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY  
Secretary to the President.

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Encl.

original of attached copy referred

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON

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*write up*  
*and Refer as suggest-*  
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July 23, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONNELLY:

With respect to the attached telegram to the President from the group in Toledo, which we discussed over the phone this afternoon, I am enclosing a draft reply.

Informal checks with State, Army, and the Red Cross indicate that there may be some merit to the proposal. Therefore, I would suggest that as a separate matter, you forward the telegram, together with a copy of your reply, to State for appropriate consideration.

  
Sidney W. Souers

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DRAFT REPLY TO TOLEDO TELEGRAM  
OF JULY 17, 1948

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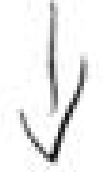
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July 21, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: HONORABLE SIDNEY W. SOUERS  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached telegram addressed  
to the President is being referred for  
whatever consideration you may care to  
give it.

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY  
Secretary to the President



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HARRY S TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

THE WHITE HOUSE

BECAUSE THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WAS FOUNDED TO ALLEVIATE  
THE SUFFERINGS OF MANKIND AND TO RENDER AID TO VICTIMS OF  
DISASTER, AND BECAUSE THE PRESENT SITUATION IN BERLIN IS IN  
FACT A DISASTER TO THOSE PEOPLE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED ASK AND  
URGE THAT THE RED CROSS BE INVITED, THROUGH THE UNITED  
NATIONS, TO DISPATCH PLAINLY MARKED VEHICLES AT ONCE TO THE

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STRICKEN AREA WITH FOOD, FUEL AND OTHER NECESSITIES OF LIFE,  
THAT THIS UNARMED CONVOY BE HEADED BY ENGINEERS EQUIPPED TO  
REBUILD ROADS, BRIDGES, AND TO OVERCOME LIKE PHYSICAL  
OBSTACLES, THAT THE FORMATION OF THIS CONVOY, ITS PURPOSES  
AND ITS PROGRESS BE GIVEN THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PUBLICITY IN  
WORLD PRESS, RADIO, AND NEWSREELS, AND THAT SUCH REGULAR  
MOTOR CONVOYS BE MAINTAINED SO LONG AS THE THREAT OF FAMINE  
PERSISTS IN BERLIN. THIS NATION WILL THUS HAVE EXPLORED THE  
FINAL AVENUE IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY WITHOUT RESORT TO  
FORCE OR RISK OF BLOODSHED. TO AVOID POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS



TO YOUR CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE OF COURSE GIVING NO  
PUBLICITY TO THIS TELEGRAM OR ITS CONCEPT

✓ MICHAEL V DISALLE MAYOR OF TOLEDO GROVE PATTERSON x

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF x TOLEDO BLADE MOST REVEREND KARL J

ALTER DD BISHOP OF TOLEDO PAUL H ROUTSONG PRESIDENT

✓ TOLEDO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES RABBI LEON I FEUER WILLIAM AKOS x

x PRESIDENT LOCAL 9 FEDERATION OF GLASS CERAMIC & SILICA SAND

WORKERS OF AMERICA CIO WILLIAM F STURM REGIONAL DIRECTOR

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR JOHN D BIGGERS PRESIDENT

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