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My dear Mr. Truman ✓

I should like to urge very strongly that we give careful attention to the suggestions of Trygve Lie + Mr. Ewatt in regard to the Berlin crisis. They are our friends + we should be mature enough to listen to them even when they are critical. We are a great nation + we do not have to "save face" by insisting that we are always right.

I think you won many independent votes by your gesture towards peace when you suggested the Vinson mission to Moscow. It may have been weak administratively but it convinced people that you would work for peace.

It seems apparent that Sec. Marshall, Mr. Dulles etc. are tired + so thoroughly aggravated by the Russians that it is literally impossible for them to negotiate.

Surely we need some different representatives who are not set in the old rigid pattern of the military or diplomatic, or big business set.

There must be younger & more flexible minds with an understanding of human relations who could work out methods for raising the Berlin blockade & heading us away from the horrors of war.

We must not let our false pride stand in the way of negotiations for peace.

Very Sincerely yours

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