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THE PRESIDENT

WHITEHOUSE WASHINGTON

THE SECRETARY - GENERAL AND I ARE HANDING TO THE CHAIRMAN  
OF YOUR DELEGATION AT THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO YOU. A COMMUNICATION URGING  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY  
ADOPTED ON 3 NOVEMBER 1948 ENTITLED APPEAL TO THE GREAT POWERS  
TO RENEW THEIR EFFORTS TO COMPOSE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND ESTABLISH

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A LASTING PEACE I HOPE FOR YOUR MOST EARNEST AND SYMPATHETIC  
CONSIDERATION OF THIS COMMUNICATION WITH SPECIAL AND IMMEDIATE REFERENCE  
TO THE BERLIN CRISIS, THE CONTINUANCE OF  
WHICH HAS BEEN AND STILL IS AN ACTIVE OBSTRUCTION TO THE WORK OF  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY . INDEED THE BERLIN DISPUTE IS SEEPING INTO  
THE VERY STRUCTURE OF THIS ORGANISATION . THERE ARE , OF COURSE,  
A NUMBER OF WAYS IN WHICH THIS DISPUTE MAY BE SETTLED . THE  
RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS NEARLY RESULTED IN THE SETTLEMENT  
WHICH WAS PRECEDED BY NEGOTIATION . THEREFORE THE MATTER MIGHT  
AGAIN COME BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL . ALTERNATIVELY YOU MIGHT

CONSIDER THAT OTHER AND MORE DIRECT METHODS OF FOUR - POWER  
NEGOTIATION MIGHT WELL BE TRIED WITH REGARD TO THE OVERWHELMING  
NECESSITY OF SETTLING NOT ONLY THE BERLIN DISPUTE , BUT THE PEACE  
ITSELF . I HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN THE VIEW THAT A MUCH CLOSER ASSOCIATION  
WITH THE GREAT POWERS OF OTHER NATIONS THAT DURING THE WAR CONTRIBUTED  
MEN AND MATERIAL UNSTINTINGLY TO THE COMMON CAUSE AGAINST THE COMMON  
ENEMY WOULD HAVE ASSISTED THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND  
FACILITATED THE MAKING OF THE PEACE . FINALLY THERE IS THE IMPORTANT  
QUESTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT , PERSONAL TRUST AND PERSONAL CONFIDENCE  
AND COMRADESHIP BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE GREAT POWERS . I WANT

TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE SECRETARY - GENERAL  
AND I WILL BE ENTIRELY AT YOUR SERVICE AND DISPOSAL IN ANY POSITIVE  
STEPS YOU MAY THINK WOULD BE HELPFUL . OUR SINGLE DESIRE IS TO  
FORWARD THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ,  
WHICH THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD INTENSELY DESIRE TO SEE TRANSLATED  
INTO ACTION .

HERBERT V EVATT PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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