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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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