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Dear Mr. Baer:

Please accept the President's thanks for your letter of December fourth. He greatly appreciates having this thoughtful expression of your views regarding foreign relations.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT  
Secretary to the President

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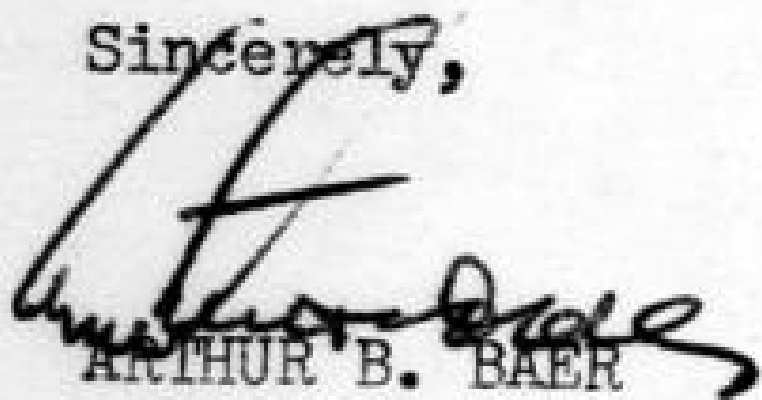
Dear President Truman:

Like every American I have been watching the Berlin situation with great concern. A thought occurs to me in connection with it, which I am passing on to you in all humility. You have hundreds of experts on the job far more capable than I, who may have had the same thought and discarded it for excellent reasons. Yet, on the off chance that it has not been considered I am prompted to make this suggestion.

Might it not be possible to reconcile the Berlin situation by having the United Nations take both Russia and the United States out of this highly controverseal area, and bring in several of the smaller nations to govern it?

I do not want to seem presumptuous in making this suggestion but because it seems to me to have a germ of possibility I feel that I must pass it along.

Sincerely,



ARTHUR B. BAER

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Honorable Harry S. Truman