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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT WITH REGARD TO REMOVING THE BERLIN
BLOCKADE. THE UN DECISION TO SETTLE THIS DISPUTE AS VETOED BY
RUSSIA IS FRESH ON THE MINDS OF THE WHOLE WORLD. THE OLD
SAYING, "HE WHO HESITATES IS LOST" IS EQUALLY TRUE NOW AS IN
TIME OF WAR. LET US AS A NATION LOOK THE ISSUE SQUARELY IN
THE FACE AND ACT.

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OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE RUSSIAN VETO TO THE UN PROPOSAL TO SETTLE THE BERLIN BLOCKADE SHOULD END BY TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MOVE SUPPLIES EITHER BY RAIL OR CONVOY INTO BERLIN. THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY WILL ENTHUSIASTICALLY RESPOND TO SUCH POSITIVE AND DETERMINED LEADERSHIP.

WE ARE NOT A NATION OF COWARDS. LET US NOT HAVE RUSSIA THINK SO. THE ISSUE MUST BE MET SQUARELY WITH THE SAME DETERMINATION AND COURAGE AS HAD BY THE 300,000 WHO NOW LAY DEAD AS A RESULT OF WORLD WAR II. HAD THEY THE POWER TO

DECIDE THIS ISSUE TODAY THE TRUCKS AND TRAINS WOULD ROLL ON
TO BERLIN. IS IT NOT OUR DUTY TO THESE DEAD AND TO THE
FUTURE OF TOMORROW THAT WE ACT "HEART WITHIN AND GOD
OVERHEAD."

PRESTON E PEDEN MEMBER OF CONGRESS..

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