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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has directed me to obtain certain facts and information for him concerning the Soviet Union. He has directed me to obtain from you the following:

1. The text of agreements concerning reparations to which the Soviet Union and the United States have been parties;
2. A commentary on the manner in which the Soviet Union has carried out or has violated those agreements;
3. Estimates of current and future Soviet policies with respect to reparations and
4. Recommended policy for the United States to follow with respect to reparations.



Inasmuch as the President hopes to receive this information before the convening of the Paris Conference on 29 July 1946, it is requested that your report on the above subjects be delivered to me prior to that date.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable
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