

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The President has directed me to assemble information for him concerning:

1. Recent activities of the Soviet Union which affect the prestige, welfare, or national defense of the United States,
2. Estimates of the present and ~~probable~~ future foreign and military policies of the Soviet Union,
3. Formal agreements made between the United States and the U. S. S. R. from 1941 to the present,
4. A commentary on the manner in which these agreements have been carried out by the Soviet Union,
5. The policies of the Soviet Union with respect to international organizations, such as the United Nations and U.N.R.R.A., and
6. Recommended course of action to be followed by the United States with respect to the Soviet Union.

At the President's direction, I am writing to request that the Secretary of War prepare, for submission to the President at the earliest practicable date, one or more papers on those aspects of the above subjects on which the War Department has information of value. The President hopes that most of this information will be in his hands ~~well~~ before the convening of the Peace Conference in Paris on 29 July 1946.

I am addressing similar letters, at the direction of the President, to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Navy and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and inquiries on related subjects are being sent to the Attorney General and the Director of Central Intelligence.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable

The Secretary of War

Washington, D. C.