June 30, 1930

Hon. Harry S. Truman
President
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I exceedingly regret the act of active warfare instituted by you. Aside from the fact that it is, in effect, a declaration of war, which only Congress has the power to declare, it also emasculates the force and effect of the United Nations. It would seem improper for any single nation to assume a police power unless formally enacted by the United Nations in advance involving a plan of participation by all members of the United Nations.

I certainly trust that this is not the beginning of acts which must inevitably lead us to a consistent policy of full-scale war.

There are many others who I know feel the same way about this matter, but do not take the trouble to write you.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph H. Albaum

Via Air Mail