Honorable Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

By unanimous vote of those present at a
meeting of the Directors of the American China Policy
Association, Inc., May 15, 1952, I have been instructed to
tank you for a letter received from Mr. Francis H.
Russell, Director of the Office of Public Affairs, Depart-
ment of State, which is in answer to a letter sent you by
our Association, April 10, 1952.

Our letter asked about the possibility of
forced repatriation of POWs in Korea. Mr. Russell’s
letter called our attention to your statement of May 7th,
in which you say “we will not buy an armistice by turning
over human beings for slaughter or slavery.”

By unanimous vote, our Directors in-
structed me to congratulate you on the position taken in
connection with those POWs who do not wish to return to
Communism. In their opinion, your firm refusal to return
a single POW who does not wish to go back to the Commu-
ist dictatorship, will strengthen Asiatic confidence in
American integrity.

Most respectfully yours,

Alfred Kassberg, Chairman

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Respectfully referred to the Department of State.

WILLIAM D. VAN RENSBERG
Secretary to the President.

Letters addressed to the President.

KOMMER, Alfred, Chairman, American China Policy Association, Inc., 1 West
37th Street, New York 18, N.Y. 4/10/52. Writes relative to Korean
situation - release of prisoners against their will - Chinese POWs
held by 78 on Hage Island, signed a petition in their own blood ask-
ing to be sent to Formosa to fight for Kal-shok. (Chung)

JUNGER, Helga, Komo-Lantfort, Krs/no. Michaelstrasse 26, Rheinland, Germany.
4/13/52. Letter to Mrs. Truman - requesting aid to come to the US
and marry her fiancee. (prev. corr. states writer a Yugoslavian -
fiancée colorless.)

KRUSER, F., "Cron-Staara-Shankorp-Porta Bendio, Tripoli, Libya. 4/12/52.
Writer, a Palestinian, Arab, Christian and Stateless, (refugee) re-
quests aid in securing a Scholarship for his son, Bashir Peralhode,
to attend an American University.

CHAO M., Chairman, Committee for the Reimbursement of Formosan
Properties Frozen by the Japanese Government, 33 Section-1, Failing
Street, Taipei, Taiwan, China. 4/10/52. "Claim for the frozen prop-
erties from Japan for the sake of Formosa" - Committee requests the
President's assistance and good offices to expedite the defrosting
and prompt and fair reimbursement of frozen properties.

PETECCY, Francis, 3 Avenue de Villiers, Paris, 17, France. 4/12/52. Writer
requests aid to secure employment with an American organization
- applied for position with MACO, but was refused - encloses letter
received.

HEINZ (2) Gerda, Confederation of Free German Trade Unions, Federal Board,
International Relations Dept., Berlin 0 17, Fritz-Reuter-Strasse 70,
Germany. 4/9/52. Encloses letter of protestation of the Board - on
behalf of the German Miners - protest brutal measures of the Govern-
ment of the United States against American workers, demand immediate
release of Louis Weinsteck and all other trade union officials.

ZORAMIS, Maria, Sanatorium Sothina, Athens, Greece. 4/11/52. Request for
financial aid for operation, hospital expenses.

WINOS, Robert D., c/o American Express, Paris, France. 4/15/52. Writer, an
American citizen, veteran of W.W. I, protests financial aid to Spain
- Graduate of Georgetown University - expresses his doubt in military
value of an alliance with the Fascist government of Spain.

KURFES, Helmut, 13B/Schellenburg/Geschwinden, Zeblau 11 1/5, Germany.
4/11/52. Writer requests President's aid in immigrating to the US
with his family - apparently refused April 10th. Requests review.