HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 19, 1952

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 thank you for a letter received from Mr. Francis H. Russell, Director of the Office of Public Affairs, Department 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 P.O.W.s 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 instructed me to congratulate you on the position taken in connection with those P.O.W.s who do not wish to return to Communism. In their opinion, your firm refusal to return a single P.O.W. who does not wish to go back to the Communist dictatorship, will strengthen Asian confidence in American integrity.

Most respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Alfred Knollberg, Chairman

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Respectfully referred to the Department of State.

WILLIAM D. VAGABO
Secretary to the President.

Letters addressed to the President.

KONIGSERG, Alfred, Chairman, American China Policy Association, Inc., 1 West 31st Street, New York 10, N.Y. 4/10/52. Writes relative to Korean situation - release of prisoners against their will - Chinese POW's held by US on Hule Island, signed a petition in their own blood asking to be sent to Formosa to fight for K'ai-shhek. (Chiang) [Signature]

JANSON, Helga, Kamm-Lantfort, Kr/Beier Michaelstr. 26, Rheinland, Germany. 4/13/52. Letter to Mrs. Truman - requesting aid to come to the US and marry her fiancée. (prev. correx. states writer a Yugoslavian - fiancée colored.) [Signature]

KASER, F., Krom-Stemo-Shekordj-Porta Benedict, Tripoli, Libya. 4/12/52. Writer, a Palestinian, Arab, Christian and stateless, (refugee) requests aid in securing a Scholarship for his son, Bashir Farah, to attend an American University.

CHAO I.M., Chairman, Committee on the Claims for The Reimbursement of Formosa Properties Frozen by the Japanese Government, 53, Section-1, Kailing Street, Taipei, Taiwan, China. 4/10/52. "Claim for the frozen properties from Japan for the sake of Formosa" - committee requests the President's assistance and good offices to expedite the de-freezing and prompt and fair reimbursement of frozen properties.

PETITFFY, 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 NATO, but was refused - encloses letter received.

HERTZ (2) Gerda, Confederation of Free German Trade Unions, Federal Board, International Relations Dept., Berlin 17, Fritz-Reuter-Strasse 70, Germany. 3/17/52. Encloses letter of protestation of the board - on behalf of the German miners - protest brutal measures of the Government of the United States against American workers, Demand immediate release of Louis Weinstock and all other trade union officials.

ZORAMOU, Marianto, Sanatorium Hotiria, Athens, Greece. 4/14/52. Request for financial aid for operation, hospital expenses.

WINSON, Robert D., c/o American Express, Paris, France. 4/15/52. Writer, an American citizen, veteran of W.W.2, protests financial aid to Spain. Graduated of Georgetown University - expresses his doubt in military value of an alliance with the Fascist government of Spain.

KURHES, Wolfram, 13b/Schollenburg/Schleuse, Zollhaus 28, 1/5, Germany. 4/14/52. Writer requests President's aid in immigrating to the US with his family - apparently refused April 10th. Requests review.