From Senator Joe McCarthy
To All Members of the Senate and House

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In closely following the testimony before the joint committee of Foreign Relations and Armed Services, which is conducting an investigation of the conduct of Douglas MacArthur, I have become more and more impressed by two irreconcilable factors:

(1) That it is impossible to develop the facts in the MacArthur inquiry without at the same time bringing to light some of the facts which bear on the question of why we fell from our position as the most powerful nation on earth at the end of World War II to a position of declared weakness by our "leadership"—a leadership which shames,Whispers, cringes for fear, and urges that we dare not win a war which it started—this we dare not win for fear of attack from another enemy—that we dare not fight back and protect the lives of our own men for fear that there will be dropped on Washington an atomic bomb manufactured by the enemy with the use of secrets stolen from us by spies which, according to the President, never existed, and

(2) That it will be equally impossible to obtain the answers to the above without uncovering a conspiracy so immense and so infamy so black as to dwarf any previous such venture in the history of men.

During the Marshall testimony, one of the senators obviously troubled by the odor of the conspiracy which was commencing to rise as a result of the constant probing by the members of the committee—troubled by the fringes of the conspiracy which were commencing to show—came to my office and asked me for information on a subject which was troubling and puzzling his greatly. While I cannot quote his verbatim, the questions he asked were substantiated by his fellows:

(1) Who was close to Marshall and succeeded in deceiving, this great American at Yalta when his military advice was that we turn Manchuria over to Russia, thereby signing at least the first section in the death warrant of the Republic of China?

(2) Who twisted and perverted the thinking of this great American and misguided him into the folly of his-dimensional Mission to China?
(3) was of tortured loyalty to America succeeded in deceiving this great general during the course of World War II to the end that he always sided with Stalin and against Churchill when history’s great decisions were being made — decisions which turned out so badly for the free world and so good for international communism.

Upon searching for the answer for the Senator, I found to my surprise that Marshall, who, by the alchemy of propaganda, became the “greatest living American” and the recently proclaimed “global strategist” for the party in power, up to this time had never had his record subjected to the searching light of my historians. In view of the fact that the committee, the Congress, and the American people are being called upon to either inure or reject Marshall’s global strategy, I felt that it was urgent that such a study be made and submitted to the Russell Committee.

I decided that the record of Marshall’s untaken acts of decisions and acts, contributing so greatly to the strategy of defeat, should be given not from the pen and lips of his critics but from sources friendly to him. In view of the fact that the archives of this nation and other nations are not available to me, I have been unable to document all of the important details of his record. However, sufficient evidence is available to give a picture which is complete in its general outline. I have drawn on the written records on the memoirs of the principal actors in the great events of the last ten years; I have drawn heavily from the books out of which the history of these times will be written for the next five hundred years; I have drawn from the pens of Admiral Leahy, Winston Churchill, Harry Hopkins, General de Gaulle, General Eisenhower, and President Roosevelt and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. No one of them alone was trying to or did give anything remotely approaching a complete record of Marshall. The picture emerges, however, as we piece together their recollections of the events in which he figures — oftentimes fragmentary, never directly complimentary, but when fitted together, pointing surprisingly to one conclusion.

It is from those sources, plus the State Department’s record taken from Marshall’s own files, that the picture becomes generally complete.

It is needless to tell you that this was a monumental task, but one which I felt had to be done, for unless we understand the record of Marshall it will be impossible to even remotely grasp the planned steady retreat from victory
which commenced long before World War II ended. Unless we carefully study the records of Marshall and Acheson, who have worked together so closely, it will be impossible to forecast the next move on the timetable of the great conspiracy.

I realize full well how unpopular it is to lay hands on the laurels of a man who has been built into a great hero. I very much dislike this unpleasant task, but I feel that it must be done if we are to intelligently make the proper decisions in the issues of life and death before us. I also realize that the left-wing camp, followers of the press and radio will again eat all out in an attempt to discredit and hide the true record in this case by the same barrage and type of propaganda that was loosed when I started to expose that other great untouchable man who was such a hero sixteen months ago — Dean Acheson.

For that reason, I urge all of the members of the Senate and House to study the completely documented picture of this man which I shall present to the Senate on Thursday of this week, a picture drawn not by my pen, nor by the pens of any of his other critics, but from the pens that were friendly or at least neutral toward him.

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