

December 1, 1947.



Dear Ray:

I appreciated very much your letter of November twenty-sixth and for your information I've known all the time that Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and Holland are not in a bad way.

Only Norway got into the war and was not as badly treated as some of the other occupied countries. Britain, of course, expended all her resources holding the line. France was overrun, as was Austria and most of Italy. Germany was almost completely destroyed so far as its industries and homes are concerned and Poland was completely wiped out.

You must have a picture of the whole thing before you can make a decision on any of it and there has been so much propaganda put out by people who know nothing about the situation that it is hard to discover what the truth is.

I think we are approaching it in the right way. However, I am glad to have your views on it and appreciate your interest.

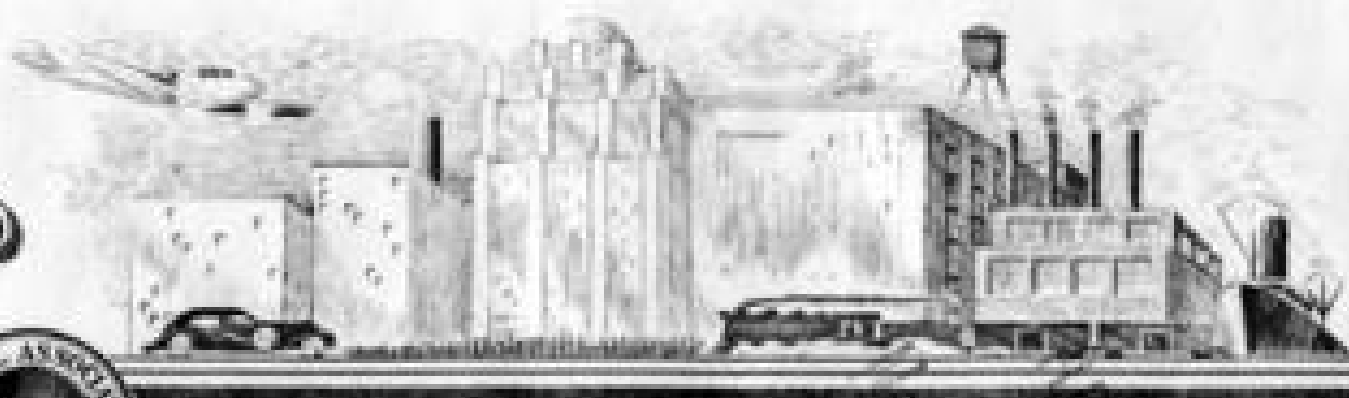
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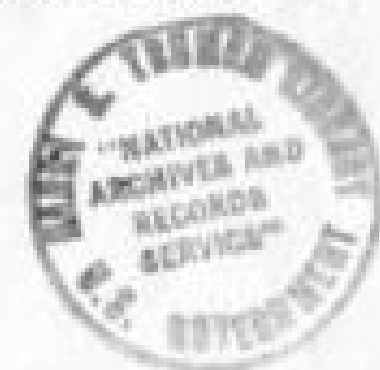
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The President

Dear Mr. President:

Two different friends of mine on returning recently from the Baptist World Alliance Meeting in Stockholm told me while there they made a trip to England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and several other countries to see just what condition they were in, and I was greatly surprised to have them tell me they found these countries in a better condition than represented by our newspapers, and the people were not in want as badly as has been stated. Both of these gentlemen thought that the people of most of the countries they visited were inclined to be unwilling to work as they should to help themselves as long as we were continuing to help them, and I gathered from them the impression that we were throwing our money away and in some cases were doing more harm than good.

Undoubtedly you have sent representatives over there who apparently have given you a different picture, therefore I have a suggestion to make for what it is worth. Why not you appoint one man from each State of the Union to make an inspection of these European countries to see just what condition they are in before we continue to pour out our money and supplies to them, as this might save us considerable money, or in any event it should create a feeling among our people that they do need help and they would be happier to meet it.

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All the people I have talked to, and I have talked to many, have a desire to help these countries to a degree, at least if our help is needed, but everyone seems to feel there is a limit as to what we should do in the way of draining our own resources and certainly if the need is not any more apparent than these people that I have talked to say it is, then I think we could be making a mistake.

Please remember these people I am speaking of are Christians, and want to help where help is needed, and that certainly is my feeling also, but I don't think we should throw our money away needlessly because like many others I believe there is a justification in a reasonable reduction in income taxes and believe this can be done if we watch the way we give our money away.

Kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ray Moseley

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