

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON .

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Dear Mr. President:

Last year you made a trip around the world at my request to report on food needs at a time of critical shortage. The result was most helpful in meeting the acute problems which confronted us.

World conditions this year are not nearly as threatening, but a serious situation in food still exists in certain areas, particularly those in Europe occupied by our forces and for which we, therefore, have a direct responsibility. I believe a food survey by you of these areas would be of great benefit to us in determining our policy in supplying food or funds for its purchase. The recent merger of the United States Zone in Germany with the British Zone for economic purposes makes the food conditions in the British Zone also of interest to us.

I should, therefore, like to ask you to undertake this mission and report to me upon it. You may, of course, select your own time, but I hope that you can arrange to proceed in the near future. The Secretary of War will provide an Army airplane for the purpose and will attend to all arrangements for your comfort and convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert Hoover,
The Waldorf Astoria,
New York, N. Y.