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My dear Mr. Smith:

I appreciated very much yours of the first in regard to your trip to Nurnberg.

I think Justice Jackson is doing a remarkable job over there and I believe the effect will be very great on future wars - at least I hope it will help to prevent them.

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Sincerely yours,

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May 1, 1946

My dear Mr. President:

I have just returned from Nurnberg, Germany, where I went as a representative of the American Bar Association at the Nurnberg trial. The invitation came from Justice Jackson and the War Department. Mr. Tappan Gregory, Chairman of the House of Delegates, accompanied me.

I thought I should write and tell you that the trial is being conducted with dignity and dispatch and in the best traditions of English and American jurisprudence, even though the tribunal and procedure adopted must necessarily be a composite one in collaboration with the French and Russians. I think that the American staff is doing an excellent job, and that Justice Jackson is doing a remarkable piece of work, including the administrative part of his activities.

In spite of criticisms that have been made, I believe that history will record the Nurnberg trial as a milestone in jurisprudence, both laudable and effective in results.

May I say at this time that if at any time during my incumbency the American Bar Association can be of any service to you and your administration, I hope that you will command it.

Yours very truly,

Willis Smith

The President
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Washington, D. C.