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Dear Mr. Keenan:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your letter to him of August 1st, and to thank you for the clipping. He read it with much interest, and appreciates your thought in sending it along.

The President sends you his best wishes, in which I join.

Very sincerely yours,

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Honorable Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herewith an editorial from the Nippon Times, which article, I understand, is somewhat representative of the comments of the Japanese press on one aspect of these war trials. So many times I have been asked what is the effect of these trials on the Japanese mind that I thought you might be interested to know the contents of this editorial as reflecting information on this point.

Our trials are proceeding now at a very satisfactory pace and we expect that the prosecution will conclude its case sometime in the month of September. We have been prepared to proceed from day to day since the date of the opening of the trials on the 4th of June, but have encountered continuances by the Tribunal on requests of defense counsel, which, together with delays because of unbearable heat conditions, amounted all told to six weeks.

The witnesses and documents now being presented are furnishing ample information as to aggressive warfare and the parts the accused had therein.

I want to express my appreciation of the visit I had with you while back in the States and my best wishes for the continuance of your successful administration.

Sincerely,

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