

May 11, 1945

My dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

The President has asked me to thank you
for your letter of May first expressing approval
of his selection of Honorable Edwin W. Pauley. I
can assure you that your thoughtfulness in writing
is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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

Dear Mr. President:

I hope this letter shall neither offend good taste nor appear presumptuous. However, I cannot let this opportunity pass without commending you on the very excellent choice you made in selecting Mr. Edwin W. Pauley as your representative on the Allied Reparations Commission. x383

I have been a partner and an intimate of Mr. Pauley for fifteen years, so coming from such a source this letter is entitled to a degree of credence that cannot be shared with those who merely praise. During that period I have come to know all of Mr. Pauley's many virtues, and his few vices. That familiarity with him permits me to say that time will corroborate the sagacity of your selection. He will prove a prudent, patient, and discerning ambassador. One need not be apprehensive of the results of his negotiations. Your interests and the interests of this country will be protected and advanced. He will acquit you and his country well.

Respectfully

James P. Fitzpatrick
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