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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1946

The President

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My dear Mr. President:

It is anticipated that in today's press conference, you will be asked questions concerning my prospective trip to Manchuria. In anticipation of the questions which you may be asked, I have outlined below a brief statement which may be useful to you in considering your answer.

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QUESTION: Mr. President, do you have any comment to make on Edwin W. Pauley's trip to Manchuria?

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At this point, Mr. President, I would suggest that you instruct your secretary to distribute the release on the personnel of the mission.

