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Mr. Everett M. Dirksen
Senator from Illinois
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dirksen:

Usually I confine my activities about government to voting regularly. However over the past year or more it has become apparent that our officials have made a mess of things. Consequently, I have made it a point to study certain things such as the Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam agreements. These documents seem to be largely pleasant generalities. Critical analysis of the wording fails to reveal that the U.S.S.R. has broken many of its agreements. Most of these are so phrased with qualifications as to be meaningless.

Finding out the cause of the Berlin debacle is a bit of a trick since the only reference to the matter in the above documents is Part III entitled "Dismemberment of Germany", in the Yalta agreement. This merely says that Eden, Winant and Gousev were appointed to settle the matter. Please send to me a copy of the proceedings of this committee which describes when and on what considerations the present occupation zones of Germany were decided. I would also like to get a copy of the actions and the reasons behind some of the European Advisory Commission which met in London, England from September to November 1944. Winant, Strang and Gousev were also on this Commission.

On July 31st, 1950 the Senate Armed Services Investigating Subcommittee issued a report on what happened to our money. This is most interesting for what it does not say. I note that over the four year period up to date of issue we spent 19.88 billion dollars (41% of total) on pay, food and clothing. Please send to me a breakdown of this figure into the three categories. Also break down the pay into civilian and military personnel. I also wish to learn the number of personnel in these two categories for each year. In the case of military personnel please give a breakdown into enlisted and officer grade in both dollars and number. The very magnitude of the figure involved seems to indicate a suspicion of mismanagement. If the costs are real, how can we afford still larger armies?

The above seems to be adequate comment on how we got to where we are. Of more importance is where do we go from here. I invite your attention to the Von Moltke diagram on the next sheet. Von Moltke was one of the generals who forged the German Empire about 1870. The diagram is his method of rating men. Peculiarly enough it well applies to all walks of life. Von Moltke knew that the man in the upper right corner had the makings of disaster and acted accordingly.

After reading a variety of our state documents and noting recent actions of our President, I am convinced that he well fits into the upper right hand square of the Von Moltke diagram. I cannot recommend his removal because then we would have an elderly gentleman who probably fits into the lower right hand corner of the diagram. What can be done is for Congress to take back all the powers it has delegated to Mr. Truman and his predecessor. Any man who has sufficient authority to embroil the United States in a shooting war without having to ask the consent of Congress is dangerous to our way of life. That

such a situation could occur is a commentary on the delinquency of our elected officials. Another indication of this delinquency is the poor quality of men brought forward for our highest elective offices by our professional politicians. The very small vote cast in the 1948 election is an indication of popular indifference or revulsion.

As Senator from Illinois, I expect you to actively engage in reducing Mr. Truman's power to a minimum. Also I expect you to examine carefully all phases of our foreign affairs and act upon them for our greatest direct national interest. By this I mean: Build up America; Get out of Korea and stay off the Asiatic mainland; Get out of Europe and stay out of European entanglements; No more loans or gifts to foreign governments; Cut government expenses; Build a strong air force and navy but not a large and useless standing army; Increase taxes and BALANCE THE BUDGET. The last is probably the one of first importance. Continuation down the road we have been travelling for 20 years will surely bring ruinous inflation, restrictions, black markets and collapse. When this occurs our free enterprise way of life is just as dead as if we surrender to Joe Stalin now. The above conclusions have not been hastily arrived at. I will form an opinion of your adequacy as a Senator upon how you carry out the above advice or depart therefrom.

The new year will be a difficult one. However with common sense and aggressive action at home we can make it a profitable one. America is still the greatest nation on earth and I intend to have it so remain.

Yours very truly,

Grete Haber

Von Moltke Diagram

	BRIGHT	DULL
ACTIVE	Make Line Officer	Throw Out
LAZY	Make Staff Officer	Let find own place