

December 23rd, 1950
212 W. Seminary Ave.
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The Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Senator from Illinois
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Douglas:

I invite your attention to my letter of August 10th wherein I posed a variety of questions and your reply of August 22nd with enclosures. I have read most of "A Decade of American Foreign Policy". The documents therein 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.

One outstanding exception to the above is Annex I of the Potsdam Agreement (see pages 45, 47, 48). The clarity with which the terms for control of Hungary are set forth is remarkable. Annex I is in form of an unsigned letter written in the third person up to the final paragraph, where it switches to the first person. It would be most interesting to learn who was the writer of this letter.

In regard to the Berlin debacle and the failure to provide a suitable access corridor, the consensus of opinion conveniently places the blame upon John G. Winant who is now dead.

On the subject of Korea I suggest that you secure a copy of "Korea", July 6th, 1950 from the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. This was prepared by John L. Holt and Helen Gleditsier. These two scholars would be commended for the clarity of exposition on an obtuse subject. The actual subject matter is a rather sad series of expediency and indecision.

The Progress Reports & Statistics, 24 July 1950 which you attached to your letter is very interesting for what it does not say. I note that over the four years 1946 thru 1950 we spent 19.86 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 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 Meltke diagram, which was published about 1970. The diagram is his method of rating men. Peculiarly enough it well applies to all walks of life. Von Meltke knew that the man in the upper right corner had the makings of disaster and acted accordingly.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

After reading certain documents in the volume you sent me 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 would 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 of first importance. Continuation down the road we have been travelling for 20 years will surely bring ruinous inflation, restlessness, 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 or depart from the above advice.

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 see that it so remains.

Yours very truly,

Grete Haber

Von Moltke Diagram

	BRIGHT	DULL
ACTIVE	Make Line Officer	Throw Out
LAZY	Make Staff Officer	Let Find Own Place