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My dear Mr. Secretary:

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The President's War Relief Control Board, established in July 1942 as a war agency, is being terminated by an Executive order which I have signed today. However, during the present critical period it appears desirable that provision be made for coordinating relationships with voluntary relief agencies. Much of the activity concerning foreign relief is now centered in the Departments of State and Agriculture.

It is my suggestion that you and the Secretary of Agriculture, jointly, appoint a new Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, to be made up of outstanding private citizens, to tie together the governmental and private programs in the field of foreign relief and to work with the Famine Emergency Committee and other interested agencies and groups. Appropriate government departments and agencies would be expected to make available personnel and other facilities needed by the new Committee. On matters concerning the foreign policy of the Government of the United States the Committee will, of course, be guided by the Department of State.

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Sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

The Honorable

The Secretary of State x21



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