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All to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

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In testimony whereof, I, GEORGE C. MARSHALL,

Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Authentication Officer of the said Department, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this first day of August, 1947.

George C. Marshall
Secretary of State.

By M. P. Chauvin
Authentication Officer, Department of State.

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July 12, 1945

Mr. ~~W~~litt: *Y*

On the afternoon of July 7 I inquired of the Executive Staff Committee regarding the disposition of the Bedford Springs matter. I was informed that our memorandum had been approved in the meeting and that additionally General Holmes had requested that information be compiled to enable him to make a statement if the question should be raised.

On Monday I compiled material for the proposed statement by Mr. Grew and forwarded it to Mr. Blake in SA/M at the latter's request, it being understood that Mr. Blake would start out with this material and end up with the desired statement.

On Tuesday morning Mr. McDermott called me and stated that the last two paragraphs of the proposed statement should be incorporated in a letter to a member of Congress which should be released to the public after the main statement had been made. On Tuesday morning I also conferred with Mr. Mulliken of ILH as liaison officer with the various labor unions concerned and with Mr. Chester Williams of PL. Mr. Mulliken and Mr. Williams concurred in the latter's suggestion that the Bedford Springs project be made the subject of a round-table conference with leaders of national organizations and that the conference be scheduled for a convenient day next week as the first of a series of conferences of this nature which PL is organizing. Both Mr. Mulliken and Mr. Williams were unable to visualize the feeling of the people in Pennsylvania and appeared to regard it as somewhat ridiculous and inconsequential. They realized, however, that some steps were necessary to combat the situation which exists. I showed them various letters received by Congressmen from union and patriotic organizations. A very large communication from Representative Tibbott attaching several pounds of such protests has been received by Mr. Acheson and will probably be sent over to this office. If I receive it I will ask Mr. Williams and Mr. Mulliken to look it over in order that they may better appreciate the temper of the people in Pennsylvania.

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I am disposed to concur in Representative Tibbott's feeling expressed to me in telephone calls on Monday and Tuesday that unless the Department takes positive steps to overcome the opposition in the Bedford Springs area, we may have trouble of a serious kind. I feel that such trouble is unnecessary if we do the right thing promptly.

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