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Good Morning Friends:

(Many a <sup>football</sup> coach has admonished his team, <sup>to</sup> Keep ~~your~~ <sup>their</sup> eyes upon the ball." Now that Hitler's armies have invaded Russia, America must keep her eyes upon the ball."

In other words, we must not lose sight of our primary objectives. In this whole conflict, the primary interest of the United States lies in preventing the Axis powers from gaining control of the seas, thereby closing ocean highways to us and thereby converting the Atlantic and the Pacific into pathways for Axis penetration of the Western Hemisphere and <sup>world domination.</sup> ~~encirclement of us~~. It must be remembered

that it was for self-interest, that it was for our own National defense that we <sup>there means, of course, a security policy for England which played a part, but our main interest was paramount.</sup> promised aid to Great Britain. This, of all times, is a time to be candid, fair, and tolerant. Lack of candor is a large cause of the world's ills. It's so easy

for us to become muddled in our thinking when surprising turns of events play heavily upon our emotions. But this great nation must <sup>remain</sup> cool-headed and must not allow <sup>it</sup> ~~herself~~ to be diverted from <sup>its</sup> ~~this~~ objectives of self-interest. By saying

this, it is not meant to imply that the United States should be ugly in its selfishness. <sup>Self preservation is not ugly. It is the first law of nature. And then from a broader viewpoint,</sup> In order to continue to make our great contributions to civilization, in order to provide an example to which the world's oppressed and aspiring mankind can look, we must make sure our survival as a great nation; and we must remain a citadel of democracy; a bulwark of freedom, tolerance, and self-government.

Then, let us not only be frank with ourselves but ~~frank~~ <sup>frank</sup> with the world: <sup>America comes first. and last.</sup> Certainly President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull have done their part in speaking the truth plainly. In President Roosevelt's last great speech to the world, he reminded Great Britain of our self-interest. > ~~Then, to come back to the original~~ <sup>promise,</sup> Our interest lies in the survival of Great Britain. Great Britain has

been the greatest civilizing influence the world has ever known save Christianity.  
~~himself~~. Great Britain now stands as a fort of democracy and <sup>freedom</sup> ~~Christianity~~,  
separated only by the narrow English channel from the <sup>sit of</sup> ~~diabolical~~ hate, war, and  
enslavement which has swept the continent of Europe. > Great Britain and the United  
States are the last major nations of the world who attach any sanctity or honor  
to a treaty or <sup>national</sup> ~~commitment~~, no matter how solemnly entered into. If Great Britain  
goes down, we will stand alone. If Great Britain goes down, we will lose our  
partner in sea power which makes the Atlantic and the Pacific safety belts for  
the Western Hemisphere. Therefore, <sup>(4)</sup> to attain our primary objective ~~of preventing~~  
~~the control of the seas from going into the hands of our enemies~~, it is necessary,  
first, that Great Britain keep up her resistance; and second, that Hitlerism,  
indeed the forces of aggression, whether they arise out of Naziism, Communism,  
or Fascism, be confined until it can consume itself in its raging fire of hate,  
distrust, and ungodliness, as surely it will <sup>do</sup> ~~if~~ it is confined.)

~~We must now~~  
~~And now how must we~~ relate our primary objective to the conflict between  
Germany and Russia? First, let it be said <sup>that</sup> ~~except~~ for an instinctive sympathy  
for those who are being plundered and overrun, this being a Christian nation,  
the United States finds it hard to be deeply sympathetic with Russia in her  
present plight. Russia's hands were just as bloody as Germany's in the rape  
and plunder of Poland.

Her war against Finland was as merciless and yet as unprovoked as any in the  
history of mankind. Her communist dictatorship is ~~just~~ as ruthless, absolute, and  
ungodly as Hitler's could possibly be. She has aided and participated in Germany's



*The thieves have now "fallen out".*  
international murder and larceny. ~~Is it any wonder then that Americans are not~~  
~~as sympathetic with Russia as they are, let us say, with Belgium.~~

If the Nazi brutalitarian leaders and the Communistic Butcher Boss<sup>es</sup> could succeed in annihilating each other, the common people of both Russia and Germany would be the victor. They might then regain their freedom - to worship, to speak, to write, to live their lives in individual dignity. *We can only hope for this, all the while preparing for a more grave threat to the world's freedom as a result of this Russo-German conflict.*

Prime Minister Churchill has said that Great Britain would give all possible economic and technical aid to Russia, and he called upon the United States to do likewise.

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( President Roosevelt has announced that the United States will give aid to Russia. This decision is within his power. Under the Constitution, the control of our foreign policy is vested in the Presidency. The Lend-Lease Act gives to

the President authority to give aid to any nation *the defense of which* ~~fighting the spread of war,~~  
*He considers* ~~essential to our national defense.~~ *essential to our national defense.*  
~~fighting the spread of aggression and enslavement.~~ Indeed, this has been a

*This has been thought to be the surest way of finally avoiding war.*  
cardinal point in our foreign policy. The immediate decision of aid to Russia is

with the President, because the people, through their representatives, have ~~granted~~ *bestowed*  
*this authority upon him.* ~~him this authority.~~ The ultimate decision, however, is still with the people.

If public sentiment revolted at aid to Russia, the Congress, representing the will of the people, could deny appropriations for that purpose; could, for that matter, repeal or amend the Lend-Lease Act. The framers of our Constitution, perhaps

more wisely and in more ways than they themselves ~~conceived~~ *perceived*, safeguarded the ultimate

control of the government for the will of the people. The power of the purse is

*It is perhaps mightier than the sword.*

mighty. Without money, armies and navies can not be maintained. The power of

the purse is within the hands of Congress. > Fortunately, this nation has been united in its determination to defend this country against aggressors from whatever source and of whatever combination. There has been an unfortunate division among our countrymen <sup>the giving of</sup> in aid to other nations who were fighting against the spread of war, ~~Hitlerism~~. President Roosevelt, a majority of Congress, and a majority of our people have determined that it was necessary to give aid to Great Britain, <sup>and</sup> ~~necessary~~ to give aid to all nations fighting against the spreading conflagration of aggression and enslavement, <sup>sincerely believing this course to be the surest way of keeping out of actual war.</sup> A considerable segment of our people have unfortunately disagreed with this. Through their leading spokesmen, Senator Wheeler, Colonel Lindbergh, and others, they have branded aid to Great Britain <sup>Ham Fish</sup> as intervention, <sup>or to any other belligerent</sup> as "war mongering". This group is now attempting to make much of our promise ~~to~~ of aid to Russia. Representative Ham Fish, in <sup>a</sup> ~~his~~ speech in the House on Thursday, said that we were now about to go into the war to make the world "safe for communism." He ridiculed our alignment with Comrade Stalin and his menial <sup>communist</sup> hordes. ~~Now~~ Those gibes sting and burn because all real Americans loathe, hate, and detest Communism. But this is no time for an emotional outburst, <sup>nor for demagoguery.</sup> ~~and as Prime Minister Churchill~~ <sup>American statesmen have been doing careful thinking.</sup> ~~said, "It is no time for moralizing."~~

When we cool-headily analyze the situation, we must recognize that Hitler's armies constitute the most dangerous external threat to the United States. If we could hope that Communism and Naziism would devour each other in this conflict, then we might feel that if there <sup>could be</sup> ~~was~~ a good war, this fight between Russia and Germany <sup>would be it</sup> ~~was it~~. <sup>Americans</sup> We must not let our intense loathing of communism get our eyes off the ball. If Germany can destroy the Russian army and gain control of her



natural resources and productive capacity, according to the Hitler time-table, then he will be <sup>even</sup> a more serious threat than he <sup>now</sup> is. ~~now~~ If, on the other hand, Russia can keep <sup>Hitler's</sup> ~~the~~ armies engaged until the United States and Great Britain ~~can~~ <sup>could</sup> become fully prepared to resist any possible onslaught, then we ~~will~~ <sup>would</sup> have gained the time which is so precious and necessary to our welfare. This is the principal reason <sup>why</sup> we have aided Great Britain. This is the principal reason we have pledged aid to other countries fighting the spread of ~~the~~ war. This is the principal reason <sup>why</sup> ~~why~~ President Roosevelt ~~and Prime Minister Churchill~~ pledged aid to Russia. ~~Practically~~, our greatest aid to Russia must be in <sup>the form of</sup> greater aid to Great Britain. Of course, the President released the Russian assets which had been frozen in this country. He gave her political and moral encouragement by his announcement. He declined to put Russia's Pacific ports under the band of the neutrality act; and there will be further economic concessions. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that we are <sup>now</sup> giving insufficient aid to Great Britain, <sup>and that</sup> ~~our own army is not fully equipped.~~ Military men say the most effective way Great Britain can help Russia is to launch an attack, which she is now doing by air, upon Germany in the West to prevent all of Germany's forces from being concentrated on Russia in the East.)

If we could now provide Great Britain with all of the bombers she needs and all the ammunition she needs, Great Britain could visit tremendous devastation upon Germany's industrial and military establishments. Another enigma is the shipping problem. If we had ample supplies for both Great Britain and Russia, it would be a difficult task indeed to get it there. So the prevailing opinion in Washington is that even though the President has pledged aid to Russia, in

practical effect, aside from economic cooperation, the bulk of that aid will be in the form of <sup>more</sup> ~~greater~~ aid to Great Britain.

(This unexpected war between Russia and Germany has given Great Britain a breathing spell. It has given America a break in time. It has given her a better opportunity to get prepared.) To take advantage of that opportunity, we should and must put every shoulder to the wheel and arm and arm and arm. We must defend ourselves against these forces of barbarism. If ~~these~~ nations, ~~and in this respect, Russia is just as bad as Germany,~~ who have no regard for honor, who, indeed, ~~do not~~ think there is <sup>no</sup> virtue in truth, sanctity, <sup>in</sup> and contract, or ~~of~~ value in religion, if these nations should get control, what kind of a world would we have? *Americans reject this kind of barbaric world!*

(Let us profit by the experience of vanquished nations who have been lulled into a false sense of security by non-aggression pacts and treaties of appeasement. Let us redouble our efforts while time and power remain.)