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Mr. Lawrence Hunt,
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My dear Lawrence:

You seem to be some distance separated from me now, in time anyway, and I do not ever want this to get too great, so am writing a short note.

No one could have the least doubt as to what you are thinking just at this moment. What has occurred in the United States is a tragedy. Its seriousness applies, of course, first, to the U. S. in its foreign relations, and, secondly to the President himself. One stands bewildered that a man of Mr. Truman's experience, to say nothing of his rank, could be guilty of such a performance. In my own view, and I am sure also in the view of Canadians generally, Mr. Byrnes has done remarkably well. He would have a very good right to resign now, but on the other hand he also has the right to regard the President's last statement as a repudiation of Wallace, and to remain. Let us all hope he will remain.

Certainly Mr. Wallace has the right to resign also, but just as certainly, the President has no right to ask him to do so. His resignation would be a blessing if it would not make him a little of a martyr and, therefore, a greater danger than he is today.

I am sending an issue just received of a little weekly sheet that I think highly of. You will find the first page interesting, but the whole is very good.

With very kindest regards always,

Yours sincerely,

AM/E.
Encl.

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