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Dear Arthur:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 29th. It is good to hear from you.

+ I confess that I was rather startled to discover Stanley McLean in such pro-British company as The Pilgrims. However, he did seem to enjoy himself, and expressed great appreciation of Lord Halifax's very moving farewell address.

The column written by Col. Hugh Clark has a pungent humor and shrewd wisdom which delight me. Hopeless as Mr. Truman is, I think that Wallace would have been even worse; indeed I think he is probably vicious.

You can imagine how badly I feel about the hostile propaganda in this country against Great Britain. One reason for it is that during the war our political leaders, including Mr. Roosevelt, were so extremely sparing in their praise of Britain's war effort and so economical of the truth in acknowledging the plain facts of Britain's contribution to winning the war, that the American people have the more easily fallen prey to the vicious anglophobes. Of course, the left wing writers and politicians use every pretext, or invent out of thin air any pretext, for attacking Great Britain. Churchill helped to clear the air, and the opinions of conservatives and moderates were strengthened favorably toward Britain. But, of course, the left wing crowd is much noisier and, I regret to say, their propaganda is at present more effective. The grim truth of the matter is that this country in effect, though of course not in words, is swinging back to a suicidal isolationism which justifies it in attacking Britain again and again. The Zionists are contributing much to militant anglophobia. Some of their full page advertisements, even in reputable newspapers, have equalled if not surpassed the vilest efforts of Nazi propaganda. In this connection, I am wondering whether the United States will assume any part of the dirty job of maintaining order, which will be necessary if the recommendations of the Palestine Commission are carried out. I am afraid that this will prove to be another

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