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My dear Lawrence:

I received your letter of 30th. You may be sure it has always a happy effect on me to get a letter from you.

Yes, there is a lot to talk over, but one gets more and more a sense of frustration. There is really today no place one can turn for relief from what can only be described as universal chaos. Still worse, I can see no one on the horizon in any vital position who gives evidence of capacity to deal with the overwhelming problems of our time.

What Byrnes meant by his speech last night passes my comprehension. He concedes to Russia the right to dictate the Governments of Central and Eastern Europe, and suggests in return only that they keep out of America, leaving, one presumes, the United States to exercise corresponding usurpation there. His speech was a resounding contradiction of the most practical features of the Atlantic Charter, and, indeed, of every principle to which we have witnessed agreement among the leading Allies.

I cannot take President Truman very seriously in his effort to help the Zionist ambitions in Palestine—that is, while he declines to share responsibility for that unhappy country. His move is very clearly political and hardly worthy of a President.

General Eisenhower's latest report from Germany is most disturbing. I have every confidence in Eisenhower. Too great significance can scarcely be attached to his apprehensions.

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