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You must forgive me for being so long in thanking you for your letter of March 30th and the enclosures, but the fact is that I did not want to return the articles until I had had time to study them, and upon my return to the University the pressure of work was great and I was kept very busy all summer. I am now able to return the articles, as you request, and I want to express my sincere appreciation of their content. I was especially impressed by the remarks you addressed to the Peiping National University on June 10th, 1930.

I would value very highly your appreciation of the situation in Manchuria. I have not hesitated to speak publicly in the frankest manner and have condemned Japan's actions. I know her claims, that she has not violated in any way any of the peace treaties or pacts or her obligations to the League of Nations, but I cannot see it in that light, for to me her violation has been most flagrant. I claim that she has broken her word and prostituted her pledges. If we cannot place greater reliance on the word of nations in these international agreements than we have been able to place on Japan's word, then the outlook is sad indeed.

I will frankly admit that Manchuria might be as well administered and that the social welfare of the people might be as satisfactory under Japanese administration as under Chinese rule, but the fact remains that China has sovereign rights in Manchuria, and these rights Japan has violated, and the other nations have, so far, not been able to induce her to keep within the limits.