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August 21, 1962

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Your letter of July 30, 1962 addressed to the Vice President regarding the situation in the Far East has been referred to this office for reply.

Perhaps the best way of explaining, in response to your comments, the viewpoint of the Department of State toward the Far Eastern situation and the Japanese role in the Far East is to make available to you the enclosed text of an address on the subject delivered on July 30, 1962 by the Honorable U. Alexis Johnson, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. Your attention is drawn particularly to pages 5 and 6, where Mr. Johnson dwells at some length on the role Japan is now playing as a partner of the United States in the peaceful development of an Asian community of free peoples.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard L. Bacon
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Enclosure:

Text of address by the Honorable
U. Alexis Johnson, July 30, 1962

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WASHINGTON

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Dear sir: —

Japan with her 80 million booming population sorely needs the Coal, Iron and other raw materials that abound in China — Let's tear up our Treaty of Alliance with Japan and turn her loose on the Chinks — She would sweep into conquest within a year — With the Treaty abrogated we could ~~sell~~ sell and lease to her all the land, air and marine armament she would need just as reasonably as the Reds now supply the enemies of the West on 3 Continents — Russia would not dare to aid China — If she did the Japs would cut off the Trans-Siberian Ry., take Mongolia and Vladivostok just as she did once before — Now is the prime moment while the Chinese are starving and discontented — Moscow rather than have Japan cut off her Pacific lifeline be quick to release all of Europe she has enslaved — All of the Comintern influence on 3 Continents would fade out

The billions we are using to buy friends in every part of the world would be saved - We should move before China develops fission power. Our victory Japan would never dare to turn upon us. She's tried it once and besides she's too far away, and furthermore if she did Russia would be only too glad to join us. This letter, of course, only briefs the possibilities involved that would advantage the West burdened as it is with insufferable taxes and expenditures that the Cold War has forced upon it. I would expect you to answer this letter. My family has deep roots in Texas and its numerous members have always supported you.

Yrs. truly,
H. Byrd -

Without Red encouragement Cuba and Central and South American dictators would play a different political tune along with the ignorant negro leaders in Africa - Japan can contrive plenty of warrant to attack China. If this idea were formed we should first dissolve the U.N., and later organize a new League

of nations dedicated to Freedom; and
restricting membership to free States,
do short cut every filament of embarrassment
to ourselves - let Krucekner have his way.
He would soon find himself in a very cold
climate of world opinion. He of course
doesn't want U, U, dissolved - He needs it
as a pulpit to rant and bluff.

