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My dear President Eisenhower:

My committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee of the House and I have been around the world and have had hearings with our shippers on dual rates and other matters in all of the countries. We were so thankful and so happy to find in every country in the Far East and all over Europe that there is a new wonderful feeling that you have stopped a world war. I have never seen anything like it.

We were marooned in Tokyo during the terrible typhoon and met so many people there and also, later, in Formosa, Hong Kong, New Delhi, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Italy, France and our beloved England. And, in every country, in every tongue, they gave our own great President credit for holding all of these countries together - and I agree with them. But, what a grave and great responsibility you have and how hard all of us want to help in every way we possibly can. I believe that God and the people too will help and I know that God has His hand on your shoulder and if you can only keep your health and strength, you'll be going to be able to do something that no other man has ever done and that is to bring peace and good will to all mankind.

For a while, everybody was disturbed about the attitude of President De Gaulle and everybody thought it was wonderful for the work you did with Mr. Khrushchev, President Adenauer, MacMillan and DeGaulle. Now your strength holds out the duties and super-human acts I don't know, and especially when you have one piling right on top of the other. Everywhere we have been and I mean everywhere we have travelled and have thrilled to have them say: "President Eisenhower has done it again."

I had a wonderful meeting with the British Aluminum Co. that Reynolds Metal are so heavily interested in and all of the businessmen and everybody felt closer to us than they had in 50 years.

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Lady Hartwig gave a little party for us the other night and she was telling us about your visit and what Lady Lester, lady-in-waiting to the Queen had to say about you on your visit to England. Among other things, she said she thought you were one of the most charming men that she has ever known. Then, of course, you were also in Canada when you received the Queen and we heard so many wonderful things there, even your speech and the part that was in French.

Now we heard this all over the world and in London we met a fabulous fellow and his name is C. J. Latta, with a wonderful wife, and who I believe is doing more public relations for America than anybody I know. He has about 17,000 people in his moving picture business and he is going to make some wonderful scenes for us in Washington when we return in January. He is going to try and bring Philip on a hunt at our place in Macintosh in December. If not, at a later date.

C. J. Latta is making some wonderful pictures all over the world but especially in Africa of some of the hunting and many other scenes and different interesting things that should be helpful to our people. By the way, C. J. Latta is from Charles Halleck's own Indiana. We might get him to make some films for Charley as Charles Halleck has, and is, doing a great job for you and this nation. Charley Halleck and his son Chuck will be on the hunt with us in December.

By the way, your own brother Edgar Eisenhower will be with us. He, as you know, is director in the great St. Regis Paper Co. that your friend, and my friend, Roy Ferguson heads up. I spent the day with Roy and Ed along with a group from all over the nation and we all had a "feast" in talking about you and your great work. I think your brother, Edgar Eisenhower is one of the most practical men I've ever met and like your brother Dr. Milton Eisenhower, is doing great work. When we talk about the Far East and Europe, we must not forget South America and our own beloved Mexico. Truly, you have just changed the atmosphere in Mexico one thousand per cent and exactly in the right direction that will be so good and so helpful to Mexico and this nation.

Mr. President, the only criticism I had anywhere was that they thought that we should protect our investments more that our people make in foreign countries and I see by today's paper you not only touched on that but you also said we could not carry the load of the whole earth. You were never more right in all of your life! They all said fine things about your great and able assistant, Gen. Jerry Persons as they knew him when he served with you in Europe, and of course I know Jerry Persons always did a good job. They also seemed to think, and I agree with them, that our relations with all of the countries since you have been ram-rod-ding it was a hundred percent better shape now than it was when our own great, good and dear Secretary Dulles was running it. Our only worry is whether you can stand the strain till the job is finished but as I have said you certainly had the prayers of all right-thinking people everywhere on earth when you were lining them up from Russia to Rome and on down the both ends of the earth.

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But maybe with your brilliant brain and your great and good understanding heart, and I know you must have a heart of gold, and silver too, and I want you to know that everybody, everywhere we have been during this trip around the world was anxious to help President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his super-human task of ridding this whole world of all chaos and with God's help and the peoples' you will do it. We all want to help you, my beloved friend. God bless you and all of those fine friends that are helping and pulling and praying for you and your great work.

Devotedly,
Your old friend,

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