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General Douglas MacArthur
SCAP
Tokyo, Japan

Dear General MacArthur:

Your office, acting through the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department, in January invited Roger N. Baldwin, director of the Union, to spend several months in Japan and Korea as a consultant on civil liberties. Our Board agreed that the invitation should be accepted and granted Mr. Baldwin a leave of absence.

In the course of making arrangements it appeared that a larger service could be rendered to the cause of international democracy if Mr. Baldwin went independently at the expense of the Union in order to represent its interests in civil liberties under American occupation, and also two international agencies associated with the United Nations -- the International League for the Rights of Man, an official consultative body of which he is board chairman, and the World Federation of United Nations Associations with which he is connected

We understand that this suggestion made to the War Department received your personal approval. Mr. Baldwin is, therefore, undertaking the trip with these ends in view. He will of course be guided by the policies of your office which appear to be wholly in line with our purposes. We desire to be of any possible assistance in putting our experience at your disposal and thus in accomplishing what the original invitation contemplated.

We trust that your associates may be able to give Mr. Baldwin the cooperation necessary to accomplish the maximum amount of usefulness in a short stay, ~~so that such service as he can render may be more readily accomplished.~~

I am, with regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman

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