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June 1, 1945

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House Office Building

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I have already made clear my conviction that the prompt enactment of the Bretton Woods legislation is of paramount importance in the establishment of a sound economic foundation for lasting peace.

I am confident that this legislation will be enacted. But my interest in its enactment is almost equaled by my interest in seeing that the Bretton Woods legislation continues to have the full bipartisan support so manifest by the action of your committee in reporting the bill. You and Mr. Wolcott, as well as the other members of the committee, have demonstrated a high degree of statesmanship and nonpartisanship for which America can be proud and her fighting men and women can be encouraged that their sacrifice has meaning in terms of tomorrow.

Let us hope and pray that the example set by your committee on the Bretton Woods legislation will become the pattern for American participation in international economic and security cooperation. An America united in its determination for lasting peace and prosperity can know no defeat.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ HARRY S. TRUMAN

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June 20, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

From: Mr. Luxford

Attached is my suggestion of the letter which the President could send to Mr. Spence.

Mr. Spence is very anxious that he receive this letter before Monday. This probably means that the President should sign it tomorrow.

CC: Mr. O'Connell

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6/20/46

My dear Mr. Chairman:

One year ago, on the eve of the debate in the House of Representatives on the Bretton Woods Agreements, I wrote to you regarding the importance I placed on the adoption of that legislation in establishing a sound economic foundation for lasting peace.

I referred to the high degree of statesmanship and nonpartisanship evidenced by you and Mr. Wolcott, as well as other members of the Committee, as well as other members of the Committee, and I expressed the hope that the example set by your Committee would become the pattern for American participation in international economic and security cooperation. Events since that time have fully borne out my hopes and your hopes. The pattern for American economic and security cooperation on the international front is fixed and visible for the whole world to witness.

Now, on the eve of the debate in the House on the British Financial Agreement, I again express my deep appreciation of the work performed by you and Mr. Wolcott and other members of the Committee on this vitally important legislation.

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The British Loan is an integral part of this nation's participation in international economic and security cooperation. I again hope and pray that the splendid example set by your Committee will continue to be followed by all of us.

Sincerely yours,

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Committee on Banking and Currency
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Like the Bretton Woods Agreements, the British Loan is an integral part of this nation's participation in international economic and security cooperation. ~~Now, as then,~~ I again hope and pray that the splendid example set by your Committee will continue to be followed by all of us.

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