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Mr. Matthew Connelly
Presidential Secretary
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Connelly:

On November 6th, while chatting with you in the suite of Mr. J. L. Hennessy at the Washington Statler, I mentioned that one of our clients, The International Silver Company, was awaiting word from the White House regarding a proposed President Truman Spoon. You mentioned that Mr. M. C. Latta had written to The International Silver Company that afternoon.

In his reply Mr. Latta stated: "Although the policy here precludes the granting of permission such as you seek, we are entirely willing to leave the matter to your own good judgement."

The International Silver Company, after deliberation, has just about decided to produce a President Truman Spoon in order to continue uninterrupted the line of Presidential Spoons--started many, many years ago. The officials are most anxious to depict accurately the outstanding event of President Truman's administration and, with this in mind, offered two sketches to President Truman. One represented the creation of the UN while the second featured the end of World War II. I am wondering if there is any way The International Silver Company can have guidance on selecting the event which President Truman regards as outstanding during his first term in office.

I had lunch with Mr. Hennessy yesterday and he remarked how pleased he was that you were able to drop in on his affair the night of the 6th.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Paul

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