July 26, 1945

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your telegram of July 27th addressed to the President, with the proposal that the Red Cross be invited, through the United Nations, to aid the people of Berlin. Your concern over the present situation and your constructive proposal for assistance to the German people are appreciated as renewed evidence of the deep humanitarian feelings of the American people toward suffering and distress throughout the world.

You may be sure that this Government has been giving, and will continue to give, every consideration to all practical measures to relieve the situation in Berlin, and that your proposal is being considered along with others.

Very sincerely yours,

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY
Secretary to the President.

Honorable Michael V. DeMallo,
Mayor of Toledo, Ohio

This document is to be referred to State of appropriate consideration by memo 7-26-48.
MEMORANDUM FOR

HONORABLE GEORGE C. MARSHALL,
The Secretary of State.

The attached telegram is referred
for your consideration. I have written
Mayor Bililie and attach a copy of my
letter to him.

Thank you.

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY
Secretary to the President.

original or attached copy referred

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONELLY:

With respect to the attached telegram to the President from the group in Toledo, which we discussed over the phone this afternoon, I am enclosing a draft reply.

Informal checks with State, Army, and the Red Cross indicate that there may be some merit to the proposal. Therefore, I would suggest that as a separate matter, you forward the telegram, together with a copy of your reply, to State for appropriate consideration.

Ridley W. Scowen
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Thank you for your telegram of July 17 addressed to the President, with the proposal that the Red Cross be invited, through the United Nations, to aid the people of Berlin. Your concern over the present situation and your constructive proposal for assistance to the German people are appreciated as renewed evidence of the deep humanitarian feelings of the American people toward suffering and distress throughout the world.

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July 21, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: HONORABLE SIDNEY W. ROZIER
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached telegram addressed
to the President is being referred for
whatever consideration you may care to
give it.

MATTHEW J. CUNNELLY
Secretary to the President
HARRY S TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

THE WHITE HOUSE

BECAUSE THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WAS FOUNDED TO ALLEVIATE
THE SUFFERINGS OF MANKIND AND TO RENDER AID TO VICTIMS OF
DISASTER, AND BECAUSE THE PRESENT SITUATION IN BERLIN IS IN
FACT A DISASTER TO THOSE PEOPLE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED ASK AND
URGE THAT THE RED CROSS BE INVITED, THROUGH THE UNITED
NATIONS, TO DISPATCH PlainLY MARKED VEHICLES AT ONCE TO THE
STRICKEN AREA WITH FOOD, FUEL AND OTHER NECESSITIES OF LIFE, THAT THIS UNARMED CONVOY BE HEADED BY ENGINEERS EQUIPPED TO REBUILD ROADS, BRIDGES, AND TO OVERCOME LIKE PHYSICAL OBSTACLES, THAT THE FORMATION OF THIS CONVOY, ITS PURPOSES AND ITS PROGRESS BE GIVEN THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PUBLICITY IN WORLD PRESS, RADIO, AND NEWSREELS, AND THAT SUCH REGULAR MOTOR CONVOYS BE MAINTAINED SO LONG AS THE THREAT OF FAMINE PERSISTS IN BERLIN. THIS NATION WILL THUS HAVE EXPLORED THE FINAL AVENUE IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY WITHOUT RESORT TO FORCE OR RISK OF BLOODSHED. TO AVOID POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS
TO YOUR CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WE ARE OF COURSE GIVING NO PUBLICITY TO THIS TELEGRAM OR ITS CONCEPT

MICHAEL V. DIGALLE MAYOR OF TOLEDO GROVE PATTERSON

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