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Turkey

Dear Mr. Xanthaky:

This acknowledges in the absence of
the President your letter commending the recent
report concerning the status of the Greek Aid
Program. I shall have much pleasure in bringing #
your letter to the attention of the President
and I know he will deeply appreciate the assur-
ance of confidence in his leadership which your
letter conveys.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to the President

Mr. George Xanthaky,
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October 22, 1948.

Dear Mr. President:

May I, as one who is fairly well posted on conditions in Greece, congratulate you on your recent report concerning the status of the Greek Aid Program. If anything, you have understated the facts. It is really a pity that so few people realize that without your timely and firm intervention, Greece today would be a Communist vassel state.

During the past twelve months, I have made three visits to Greece and have had more than usual opportunity to observe the scope, progress and effect of the American Aid Program. In many areas it has been little short of miraculous. The work done by American engineers and American contracting firms, particularly Grove, Sheppard, Wilson and Krug which is operating in Greece as Steers Grove, has been outstanding. The clearing of the Corinth Canal and the rehabilitation of port facilities, as well as the building of an extensive network of good roads were an absolute condition precedent to economic recovery, in Greece.

The fact that the work was completed in almost record time, despite transportation, communications and internal security problems which, at times, crippled all operations, has made a tremendous impression on the Greek people and has done much to increase American prestige in Greece.

In closing, may I extend my personal thanks as well as the thanks of our Association and all Americans of Greek extraction for your courageous and farsighted leadership. All of us who have any connection with Greek affairs shall forever be indebted to you.

Very sincerely yours,


George Xanthaky
Executive Vice President



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