Mr. Clifford:

I do not believe that this is the occasion for the "All-out" speech for the following reasons:

1. Insufficient time to prepare what could be the most significant speech in the President's administration. Such sore time is necessary to develop the philosophy and ideas and do justice to the subject. I think that the President should have two weeks to prepare such a speech.

2. There has been no overt action in the immediate past by the United States as an adequate pretext for the "All-out" speech. The situation in Greece is relatively "abstract"; there have been other instances—Iran, for example—where the occasion were adequately justified such a speech and there will be other such occasions—I fear—in the future.

3. The public is not prepared. Public acceptance and support—the unity of all the people—can not come after the "All-out" speech. Nothing would be more disastrous than to have such a speech divide the country. I believe an "All-out" speech will have a divisive effect if delivered too soon. A series of Presidential and Cabinet speeches and Executive Department actions will be necessary to educate and inform the public to the point where the "All-out" message can be delivered and have the desired effect. The time to begin this education is now, and the forthcoming speeches should be one of a series, building up as rapidly as possible to the great climax—the "All-out" speech.

4. The "All-out" speech delivered on the opening of the summer conference would, in my opinion, destroy that confidence which gives promise of producing an acceptable Treaty of Peace for Austria, if not for Germany. The President must not be charged, as was Roosevelt, with torpedoing a major world conference that has had a chance.

For these reasons, I believe that next week's message should be limited in scope. A reference as a subject "U.S. responsibility for European reconstruction."

Respectfully,
Confidential

Mr. Clifford:

I do not believe that this is the occasion for the "all-out" speech for the following reasons:

1. For most people to prepare what would be the most significant speech in the President’s administration, much more time is necessary to develop thoroughly the points involved and to justify the project. I think it should have 2 weeks to prepare such a speech.

2. There has been no great action on the part of the U.S.S.R. or any other party by the U.S.S.R. which can be interpreted as an adequate pretext for this "all-out" speech. The situation in Greece is relatively "abstract"; there have been other instances - Iran, for example - where the occasion more adequately justified such a speech, and that will be the other such occasion - I for - in the future.

3. The public is not prepared. Public acceptance of support - the majority of all the people - cannot come after the "all-out" speech. Nothing would be more disastrous than to
have such a speech divide the country.
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if delivered urgently. The President
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For these reasons:

4. The "all-out" speech delivered on the
opening of the Moscow Conference would,
in their opinion, during the Conference
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acceptable Treaty of Peace for Europe if not
for Germany. The President must not
be changed, as was Roosevelt, with
possibly a major world conference
before it has had a chance.
for that reason, I respectfully believe that next week’s message should be limited in scope. I recommend as subject “U.S. Responsibility for European Reconstruction.”

Respectfully,