December 29, 1947

My dear Mrs. Patton:

I have just read your letter of December 14th, which arrived while I was in Geneva.

I wonder if it ever occurred to you that for thirty years the question of Palestine has been before the nations of the world and when the Balfour Declaration was made, not only the League, but the United States endorsed it and agreements were at that time made with the Arab nations.

Aside, however, from the rights or wrongs of the Jews, this question has troubled the nations of the world for a long time. It was brought before the United Nations because the British asked to have a commission appointed to make further study and report. The majority report which was made naturally is not ideal for either the Jews or the Arabs but it was the report of the majority of the committee of the UN and if it had not been accepted and upheld, it would have been a blow to the UN.

There is no question of the use of Russian troops. Everyone concerned hopes, I think, that the local constabulary after the withdrawal of the British troops some months hence, will be able to keep the peace and perhaps in time this arrangement may lead to something better since there is nothing final about it. No better solution of the problem was offered by the Arabs.

What makes you think that we as a government would insist on giving the Russians added power? Your reasoning seems to me a bit strange.

Very sincerely yours,
any organization of which our own delegates vote to scrap the good neighbor policy and the four freedoms in order to assist their loved-from-a-people with whom we have no quarrel, and give it to the Jews to whom it does not belong. This is according neither to Christian nor to American ideals.

As you know, we know no army
so it appears that the
United Nations have no
means of enforcing their decisions
except with Russian troops.
They are, of course, only too
glad to "help" in any way
that can further their aim
of world domination, declared
by Lenin years ago, and which
has never failed.

Sincerely yours,

Beatrice Ayer Patton.

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