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DEAR MRS. ROOSEVELT:

MR. R. M. DAVIS OF MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR LEADING COAL OPERATORS OF MONONGALIA COUNTY SINCE 1916, WROTE A BOOK "PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER" IN LATE 1942. THIS BOOK RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF NATIONAL PUBLICITY. COPIES WERE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, MR. JOSEPH STALIN, GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, AND ALL FOREIGN LEGATIONS; IN FACT SOME 1,700 COPIES WERE MAILED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION TO THAT MORE THAN 5000 COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED OVER THE COUNTRY TO THE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

ALTHOUGH MR. DAVIS FINANCED THIS PROGRAM AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, HE IS INTERESTED IN NO PERSONAL GAIN NOR POLITICAL RECOGNITION. HE IS SINCERELY INTERESTED IN TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. AS A RECOGNITION OF HIS ENDEAVOR, HE WAS MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE EUGENE FIELD SOCIETY. ON JULY 17, 1942, THE HONORABLE JENJINGS RANDOLPH INTRODUCED A BILL, RESOLUTION NO. 77, WHICH RESOLUTION IN SUBSTANCE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, THAT THE CONGRESS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO WRITE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF DRAFTING A CONSTITUTION. THIS SAME RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE, AS SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10, IN MARCH 1943, BY THE HONORABLE HARLEY M. KILGORE."

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT MR. DAVIS HAS BEEN A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR, TRAIN DISPATCHER, AND IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN SOCIAL WORK ON SCOTT'S RUN. RECENTLY HE DONATED \$50,000 TO THE YOUTH CENTER IN MORGANTOWN, AND THROUGH HIS INFLUENCE, SECURED AN ADDITIONAL \$51,000 FROM HIS FRIENDS WHICH WILL BE OF LASTING BENEFIT TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF MONONGALIA COUNTY.

MR. DAVIS IS OFFERING SUBSTANTIAL PRIZES TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS OF MONONGALIA COUNTY WHO ARE WRITING ESSAYS ON THE SUBJECT OF "A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER." I AM CONFIDENT THAT HE IS ONE OF THE FIRST MEN IN THE COUNTRY TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AS A BASIS FOR LASTING PEACE.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A SPLENDID GESTURE IF THE PRESIDENT MIGHT INVITE HIM AS AN OBSERVER TO THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE. I AM SURE HE WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER, BECAUSE HE IS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN THE WORKABLE PLAN FOR FULL AND COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. I AM PASSING THIS IDEA ON TO YOU WITH THE THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS YOU MIGHT

WISH TO SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT IT, AS I KNOW THAT MR. DAVIS WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF LISTENING TO ANY OF THE DELIBERATIONS WHICH HE MIGHT HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF ATTENDING.

I TRUST THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE THE ABUNDANT STRENGTH FOR THE HEAVY TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD.

WITH KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS, I AM

CORDIALLY YOURS,

Floyd B. Cox

FLOYD D. COX, SUPT.
MONONGALIA COUNTY SCHOOLS