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President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington  
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Dear Mr. President:

Re: Food for Europe's Children

Some time ago on the "America Town Meeting of the Air" radio program, I heard a debate on this subject.

At the moment I have forgotten the names of the participating speakers. However, the program made such an impression on me that I made it a point to discuss it with several of my friends who are also regular listeners of the Forum. All were unanimous in their opinion that the man who had the negative side of this question put up a woefully weak argument in favor of the so called "blockade."

It seems to me the argument in favor of feeding these children had just as strong an appeal from the standpoint of hard-boiled realism as to the natural instincts of anyone to do the decent and charitable thing. I am also convinced that making food available for these starving children will give us a better foundation for building a lasting peace.

Why not do something about it before it is too late?

Yours very truly,

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SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

CC - Henry J. Morgenthau, Sec. of Treas.  
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