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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Sir:

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As the editor of two weekly newspapers in the farm belt of Indiana, I wonder if you have considered that the viewpoint of such a person on your trip to Russia might be of great value to the rural people of this great country.

This idea first occurred to me one week before you left for your visit to China. It was obvious that such a suggestion then would be far too late. Today it was announced that you will go to Russia on May 22 and I still believe that the idea is sound.

Maybe I did not check the list of those persons who accompanied you to China closely enough, but I do not believe the weekly press was represented.

As a 47-year-old editor and owner of a Republican newspaper in Delphi and a Democratic newspaper in Flora, both in Carroll County, Indiana, and the current president of the Hoosier State Press Association (the organization of all daily and weekly newspapers in this state), I believe that my 22 years experience in the field could offer a completely new and different outlook on the trip to Russia.

The great midwest and the rural area people of the United States should find a "country editor's" ideas refreshing. I would be pleased to make all of my work available free to our association and to anyone else your office might suggest.

I am a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Respectfully yours,


Alfred L. Moss