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December 1, 1942

Dear Mr. Horton:

I take pleasure in sending this greeting to the Council on Books in Wartime for its December sixth meeting.

In our country's first year of war, we have seen the growing power of books as weapons. Through books we have appraised our enemies and discovered our allies. We have learned something of American valor in battle. We have, above all, come to understand better the kind of war we must fight and the kind of peace we must establish.

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This is proper, for a war of ideas can no more be won without books than a naval war can be won without ships. Books, like ships, have the toughest armor, the longest cruising range, and mount the most powerful guns. I hope that all who write and publish and sell and administer books will, on the occasion of your meeting, rededicate themselves to the single task of arming the mind and spirit of the American people with the strongest and most enduring weapons.

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Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mr. W. W. Horton, x-1
Chairman,
Council on Books in Wartime, #
347 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Hassett, The White House
From: Chester Kerr, Office of War Information x50/5
Subject: Letter to be read at December 6th Council on Books in Wartime meeting.

Date: Nov. 30, 1942

Here is the letter Mr. Pringle and I have drafted for the President's signature in accordance with my recent conversation with you. I hope you and he will find it satisfactory.

I am leaving for New York Saturday morning and will want to take the signed letter with me. I plan to hand it to Elmer Davis who will in turn present it to Mr. Norton at the meeting.

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Mr. W. W. Norton, Chairman
Council on Books in Wartime
347 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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BOUTELL, Clarence B. - Exec. Chairman
COUNCIL ON BOOKS IN WARTIME,
New York, N.Y.,
May 15, 1942.

Letter to the President saying that they recently learned from Mr. Chester Kerr of the Book Division of the Office of Facts and Figures that June 14th may be set aside as United Nations Day, and as they are having a program on that day they ask if the President will honor them with a few words. Enclosed newspaper clippings. Ackd. May 18, 1942, sending the President's Flag Day Proclamation.

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RINEHART, Stanley M., Jr.
President, Farrar and Rinehart, Inc.
New York, N. Y.
Dec. 7, 1944.

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Wrote the President that the above organization has published, in cooperation with the Council on Books in Wartime, the first volume of BATTLE REPORT: Pearl Harbor to Coral Sea. Writer states that he is having a special copy bound in leather for the President which will be ready in the next week or two. --The President replied on Jan. 2, 1945, expressing thanks for the specially bound copy of the first volume of BATTLE REPORT: Pearl Harbor to Coral Sea, prepared from official sources by Commander Walter Karig, USNR, and Lieutenant Welbourn Kelley, USNR. The President states that it is attractive in form and interesting in content. Feels that the entire series will have a permanent value as source material not only to contemporaries but to the historian of the future. --Penciled notation - Mrs. Eben will tell us later what was done with the book. Has disappeared some where.

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