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Honorable Christian A. Herter
Governor of The Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Chris:

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We are greatly enjoying the house and all goes well.

With very best wishes.

Faithfully,

AWD

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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we continue to support and broaden the bases of inter-
national unity and cooperation as established by the
North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

~~Of course Lithgow did not send me the "Declaration"
in the same commotation in which he referred it to you,
but rather only to bring me up to date on the activities
of the International Committee of which he is a member.~~

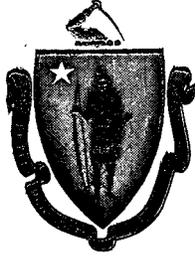
~~I have not had an opportunity to talk to Foster
on your proposal but I agree that the proposition is
certainly well worth some serious consideration by those
who chart the course.~~

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CHRISTIAN A. HERTER
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

December 20, 1955

Honorable Allen Dulles
3108 P Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

Enclosed herewith is a memorandum from Lithgow Osborne which is, I think, worth some consideration. You undoubtedly have a copy of the Declaration itself with all the signers attached but if not, I will be glad to send it to you. It is an impressive document which has received a rather qualified endorsement from Foster and from the President. Its terms are so general and its objective so clearly desirable that I think perhaps Lith has a good point. One place where it might make difficulties within the GOP itself is in the continual lowering of tariff barriers and is something that the GOP might not want to stress at the present time.

I shall be greatly interested in getting your reaction and, if you happen to know it, Foster's as well. I can sense a real chance to put our Democratic friends on the defensive.

With warmest regards.

As ever,

CAH/e

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris".

MEMORANDUM

December 7, 1955

From: LO

To: CAH

Subject: If I were a Republican

The Administration's hope that bi-partisanship can be achieved in foreign policy is entirely understandable.

However, that hope will never be realized by standing pat and declaring that the U.S. position has not deteriorated and that the Russians are not, at present, carrying the ball for important yardage. There is too much evidence to the contrary.

What the Administration should seek is some bold new course which the Democrats will be compelled to accept. Also, of course, as a matter of consistency and common sense, one which strengthens the Western Alliance.

Can there be such a policy?

There is such a policy, ready made, and signed and sealed by the country's leading Democrats including Messrs. Truman, Stevenson, Harriman, Kefauver, Marshall, Byrnes, Clayton and Lehman.

I refer to "The Declaration of Atlantic Unity" which is even more valid today than when it was issued 14 months ago.

It was signed also, of course, by leading Republicans - politicians, businessmen and educators.

If the Administration now adopts the Declaration as official policy, the Democrats will be forced to accept it (or eat their own signatures) and any Democratic attacks on foreign policy will be that much less effective.

Also, in view of the signatures to the Declaration from outside the U.S., there is every hope that its terms can be made acceptable to our Allies.

Therefore, if I were a Republican, I would find some means to place this proposed policy before Ike and Dulles forthwith. I would figure it would be good (a) for the country and (b) for the G.O.P.

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