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Dear Allen,

Wilbur Miller has sent me a copy of a letter he has written to you on behalf of The Stamford Forum for World Affairs. I know what a terribly busy schedule you have, but in spite of this I would like to add my endorsement to his request. The Stamford Forum has been performing an extremely useful function, and your appearance before it would give it a great lift.

It occurred to me that just possibly you and Clover might enjoy combining this with a restful week end at Overbrook Farm, in which event we could invite another couple or two that you would like to have join us.

I do hope that one of the suggested dates may prove convenient for you and that the project itself makes a sufficient appeal to justify you in making the trip.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,



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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
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Dear Allen:

Enclosed is the draft of a letter we shall be sending out in a few days to a large number of Council members soliciting their financial support during the current fiscal year. Membership contributions are now one of our principal sources of support. We have to raise at least \$80,000 this year from among the membership out of a total budget of \$842,000.

We have found that this solicitation produces better results if the Directors have already taken the lead with substantial gifts to the Council. Can we count on your assistance this year? Your generous support in the past has always meant a great deal to us.

With appreciative thanks,

Sincerely yours,



Frank Altschul
Chairman,
Finance and Budget Committee

Draft of Letter to Members Who Contribute Regularly
(To be changed slightly for new prospects)

Dear

I am writing you at this time to comment on the work of the Council on Foreign Relations, and also to ask you to continue the financial help which you have so generously given us in the past.

The Council has, in my opinion, continued to do an outstanding job in the serious study and discussion of foreign policy issues. At the request of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, a special group, under the chairmanship of Henry Wriston, recently submitted a thoughtful report on the aims and objectives of United States foreign policy, which has been published by the Committee as part of its overall examination of this country's foreign relations. During the past year seven new books were brought out by the Council and fifteen others are now being prepared for publication. Among these is an analysis of United States relations with Communist China, written by Doak Barnett with the advice of a Council study group. I hope you will agree that it offers some mature insights into one of our most difficult foreign policy problems.

This past year, we have not only continued our work on vital substantive problems, but have also made a successful effort to see that the results of this work are more widely disseminated. For example, The United States in World Affairs this year will be published in paper as well as cloth; the paper edition being about five times as large as the recent cloth ones. The new book on China and a revised

edition of John Campbell's Defense of the Middle East will also be printed in paper as well as cloth editions.

Perhaps the most important of all, the Book-of-the-Month Club is offering its 450,000 members a subscription to Foreign Affairs as its January book dividend. This is the first time in its thirty-three year history that it has chosen a magazine for this purpose. This will be done at no cost to the Council. In the first year, it will also give us no additional revenue, but we hope it may add materially to our subscription list thereafter.

I shall not describe the rest of the Council's program, as I am sure you are already familiar with it. In any event, George Franklin is sending you today a copy of our most recent Annual Report, which includes a summary of the year's activities on pages 1-___.

I believe that the record during the past year has been good, and that the Council has continued to perform a vital role in American public life. The Council's budget for the current fiscal year, which runs through next June 30th, totals over \$842,000. Of this amount, we hope to receive \$80,000 from individual members in addition to regular membership dues. Members of the Board have already contributed generously to our budget for the year, and I hope very much you will feel able to renew or even increase the gift of \$___ you gave us last year. May I remind you that it is tax deductible.

With appreciative thanks for your help,

Sincerely yours,

Frank Altschul,
Chairman,
Finance and Budget Committee

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Dear Frank:

Unfortunately I have had to decline the invitation from Wilbur Miller of The Stamford Forum. I have been doing too much speaking during the last weeks, and I have had to put a stop to it in view of the pressure of work here. In fact, as a general rule I only speak to gatherings which are of a broad national character. If I speak at one local Forum, I open the flood gates to a great many others and it is very hard to pick and choose. I understand that The Stamford Forum is one of the most influential and one of the best run among them so I particularly regret that I cannot accept this invitation.

Turning to another subject, I am sending you a small token contribution to the Council on Foreign Relations, in response to your letter of November 30. I wish it could be more but present financial problems do not permit.

Sincerely,

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