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General W.B. Smith,  
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Dear General Smith:

Enclosed I am sending you a clipping from yesterday's N.Y. World-Telegram that might be of interest to you.

re #5 of my suggestions, a form-sheet holding two sets of fingerprints should be issued, of which the first ought to be taken by the consular office that originates the visa, and the control prints by the port-or border authorities at the point of entry.

I think that yesterday's news from Russia confirmed my concepts of the situation of which I wrote you on Nov. 22, 1949.- That young son of a Russian liaison officer, who told me on Oct. 13, 1947, that his chance in Russia might come "after the revolution", and the gripes of all the 'mujiks' I interviewed then in Berlin won't get off my mind. I still, and firmly, believe that the Kremlin is in serious trouble, and that the "Voice of America" should be utilized for fostering that revolution which might spare us WW III.

But: First the "Voice of America" must be de-Americanized. I would propose to call it "The Voice of the Conscience of the World".-Then, the offices at 250 W 57th St, NYC, ought to be cleared of all the European born Socialists and Liberals, and all those useless feature broadcasts be eliminated. The "Voice" should not be merely another information agency, but strictly a branch of the armed forces, a hard striking weapon in the cold war. To use it as has been done is waste. I hope that in your new position - to which incidentally I congratulate you, - you may do something to put the Voice on the level for which it was originally intended.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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