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CHARLES G. ROSS  
Secretary to the President

My dear \_\_\_\_\_

On January 17, 1947, I informed you that representatives of my office and of the armed services were engaged in drafting a bill to be submitted to the Congress for its consideration concerning a plan of unification. This draft, entitled "National Security Act of 1947", has now been completed and I am enclosing herewith a copy of it.

This proposed bill has the approval of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It is my belief that this suggested legislation accomplishes the desired unification of the services and I heartily recommend its enactment by the Congress.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

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(c) The Secretary of the Armed Forces, the Secretary of the Air Force, the executive Secretary of the National Security Council (subject to the direction of such Council), the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to perform their respective duties, and the functions of agencies under their control.

*Discussed 10 Feb. 47  
with Chas. Humphrey +  
Capt. Grantham, Aide  
to Adm. Leahy. Informed  
him we didn't care.*

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