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Memorandum

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Dear Mr. DeBost:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of February 11. I should like very much to discuss the Russian situation with you. As I have tried to make it clear, I have no definite views as to exactly what should be done in the situation and the sole purpose of my agitation is to get the Chamber of Commerce to inform itself on its own account, and not take the second-hand views of the State Department or anybody else. I do not presume to have the information in my possession which would justify any specific recommendation, but my information from people returning from Russia is that forces are at work there which did not seem to me to be envisaged by the Chamber's resolution of January 7.

The two big problems now awaiting solution in Europe, it seems to me, are first, the stabilization of French finance, and secondly, the re-establishment of Russia in a position of sound relations with the other great nations.

Both of these problems are of great importance to the United States and my sole purpose in this discussion is to seek to stimulate the Chamber of Commerce of New York in the direction of taking a constructive attitude, rather than one of pure negation.

Very truly yours,

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