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UN Bonds
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To give you a detailed answer on the U.N. proposal would require an extremely long letter, and I trust you don't mind if I enclose a copy of the remarks I made on the Senate floor with respect to this proposition.

To this I can only add that when a proposal can command 75% of the votes of all Senators present and voting on both sides of the aisle, including every member, both Republican and Democrat, on the Foreign Relations Committee, it must have had real merit.

I appreciate your views. My own course is dictated entirely by the facts and what I conceive to be the best interest of the country both now and in the days ahead, because we have not heard the last of the U.N. problem.

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I am deeply grateful for your note of appreciation and for your approval of the position I took with respect to the proposed loan to the United Nations.

I sought to evaluate every factor involved in the matter and to take into account the best course for our own country.

The enclosed copy of my remarks during the debate may be of interest to you.

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Enclosure