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Dear Mrs Waegell;

How do you do? I hope that you still remember me. I had relocated here in Cleveland in the hope that I may renew my life. I have been very fortunate in being able to obtain a position with a freindly atmoosphere and be able to once again in being a normal American.

Why I am so suddenly writing a letter to you is, I have been very lucky and fortunate in seeing that life is not perfect as yet; what I mean to say is that, regardless of when the war ends, or what the post war period is to be like, the country is not a perfect place of civilized life. This very night, after a discussion with a young intelligent couple, they opened my eyes to see things a lot clearer.

Prior to the x evacuation of the Japanese from the West coast, you were kind enough to say goodbye to us. During this visit of yours, we argued or discussed the present situation and condition of this country. Mainly politics, movies, socialism, and the Russian Communism. When you were trying to throw over the point that, every person should take a interest in politics and our congress and the goverment affairs, I thought you were full of hot air. Although, I still do not believe in communism wholly, I believe part of it is a wonderful thing, now.

Roosevelt's speech on post war period is of course a wonderful thing to consider now, but of course, is that a gurantee that true democracy will be the policy of our goverment? Will there be no domination of the victors over the conquered? Will America take a dictatorship after this war over Germany, Italy and Japan? After this war, will

there be equality among all classes of people? Mainly the poor with the rich. Will race discrimination, such as with the negroes, and the minority people, be abolished? NO! Not with capitalism democracy, Not with corrupt congress, Not with narrow minded representatives. After heavy arguments and discussion, the only answer to a earth without wars and bloodshed, without a few people being exceptionally rich, and a number of people poor, or to do away with dictatorship, and imperialistic, is a liberal government throughout the world.

Let ~~there be a liberal government throughout the world~~ the world have a trade equal, same as to England as to Germany, China as to Japan. Let there be a liberal government throughout the world, with America directing the policy. Have it like Vice Pres, Wallace said in his Sundays speech.

Let there be a reorganization like that of in Russia, not communism, but liberalism.

What can we do about it? As individuals, I learned tonight that we can do a lot. Possibly that time is so short, that we will not be able to accomplish such a gigantic program in a few years, but possibly for the next generation. But now, every young American should realize the importance of the future, he should follow the politics, see to it they elect the right person, join the unions and fight for equality among labor.

You spoke of this some time ago, I finally realize this, and will follow the trend of politics more closely, I do not understand this to clearly, but I am reading the book, the autobiography of Lincoln Stephens, and studying real democracy,

may I hope to hear from you soon, I remain

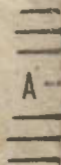
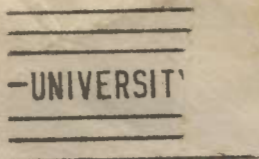
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