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June 21, 1940.

Samuel Pryor, Esq.
Connecticut Republican Delegation
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Pryor,

When I met you at the Willkie luncheon in Hartford you kindly promised that, if I sent you some suggestions for a plank on foreign relations, you would see that it was considered in the proper quarters. I accordingly enclose a draft.

I was sorry to see that an isolationist was made temporary chairman. I think that if the convention produces a trick platform on foreign policy and national defence, bidding for the favor of our purblind isolationists, failing to face facts, and, above all playing politics in a crisis with foreign affairs, the Republican party will invite and deserve defeat.

It was a great pleasure to meet you, and I am, with kind regards and much appreciation of your kindness in this matter,

Yours very faithfully

P.S. I feel justified in making concrete suggestions because, aside from sixteen years in the diplomatic service and State Department I have always been a student of this subject,- not an academic but a practical one. I am sending copy of the enclosure to my old colleague Henry Fletcher.