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October 28, 1940.

Dear Maurice,

Will you please get word to the Willkie Headquarters that Dean Frederick Beekman is at the Hotel Weylin and is quite willing to speak for Mr. Willkie. He so informed John Hamilton at Chicago. His line would be to warn Americans that under Roosevelt they are taking the very course that led to the downfall of France.

I have this information from Mr. William M. Bennett of Woodbury. Mr. Bennett brought about various services of intercession for the British Commonwealth of Nations. I heard the Dean speak once. He is eloquent and impressive. He is keen for aid to Britain. If he were to speak the Willkie Headquarters should, of course, approve in advance his remarks which, at this time, should, I fancy, be confined to analogy between Roosevelt and Blum-Laval-Daladier domestic policies. Mr. Beekman was twenty-three^{years} Dean of the American Cathedral in Paris. I hope Willkie will make the most of Hull's pathetic confession of the futility of Roosevelt's foreign policy.

I also think it very important that in winding up the campaign Willkie shall appeal equally to Democrats and Republicans as against New Dealers; and that he shall make it clear that if he is elected America will have the strongest

all-American government that can be got together by
drawing upon both Republican and Democratic parties.

I enclose a brief definition of the great issues as
I see them.

With kind regards and hoping to see you soon, I am

Yours very sincerely

Paramount Question

Is it better to support Britain so far as necessary to keep command of the seas from hostile nations, because that is our only real defense,

or

Is it better to spend our money and time building defenses for ourselves that will be too late to save us?

Second Question

Shall we be more united and efficient in production of planes, ships, guns and munitions under Willkie or under Roosevelt?

Third Question

Do we want to have honest representative democracy, with the necessary private enterprise and private capitalism, under Willkie

or

Do we want to continue the way, via demagoguery, to State Socialism and loss of individual freedom under Roosevelt?

Which understands labor better