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Dear Senator:

I can't think of your having any other title, so that is the way I will address you as we used to talk to each other in the old days in the Senate.

I appreciate most highly yours of the twenty-seventh and I think you are exactly right in your analysis of the situation. I am hoping that after the San Francisco meeting, and when the Treaty is signed, to be able to work out a program along the line you suggest. We signed a Defense Treaty with the Philippines yesterday. We will sign another one with Australia and New Zealand on Saturday and I am hoping eventually we will be able to arrange an agreement with all the Facific Powers, similar to the Atlantic Pact. I think we are making some progress.

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Sincerely yours,

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