American Embassy, The Hague, Netherlands, January 29, 1954.

Dear Mr. Beyen:

I have received your very interesting letter of January 26 with respect to the EDC and the related problem of the European Political Community. I can well understand the viewpoint of you and your Government and your anxiety concerning possible future developments. I shall take the opportunity given me by your letter to bring these views informally and confidentially to the attention of our friends in Washington and of David Bruce. I shall also let you know of any reaction that I may receive from them.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

His Excellency Mr. J. W. Beyen, Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hague.