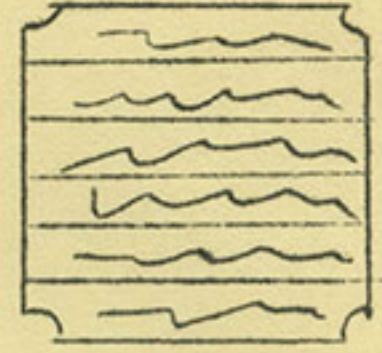


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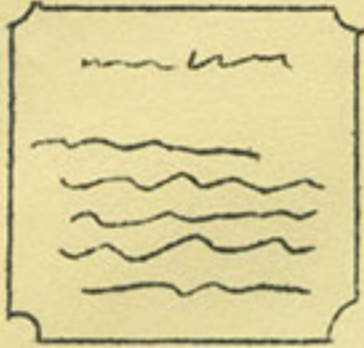


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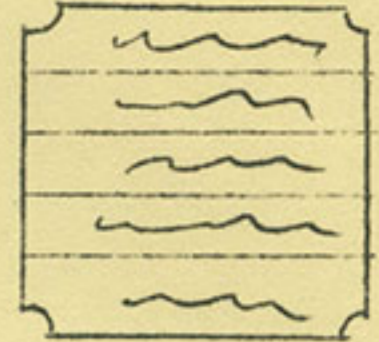
DR. HARLOW SHAPLEY  
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"IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET THAT I HEAR ABOUT THE MACHINATIONS AIMED AT DISCREDITING IF NOT DISTURBING YOUR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE. THE ENEMIES OF THIS NOBLE AND HUMANE ENTERPRISE WOULD HAVE IT APPEAR AS IF ALL THE FOREIGN DELEGATES CAME FROM SOVIET CONTROLLED TERRITORY WHEREAS ACTUALLY NUMEROUS WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED AS WELL. YOUR ADVERSARIES TO WHOM PEACE SEEMS A HARMFUL OR EVEN A TREACHEROUS NOTION ALSO INSIST THAT THE CONFERENCE IS BUT AN OUTGROWTH OF THE RUSSIAN SPONSORED WRACLAW CONGRESS. I FOR ONE KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES HAVE BEEN PLANNING THIS INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND THAT IT HAS NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH WRACLAW.--

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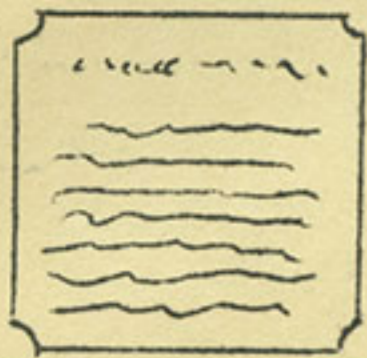
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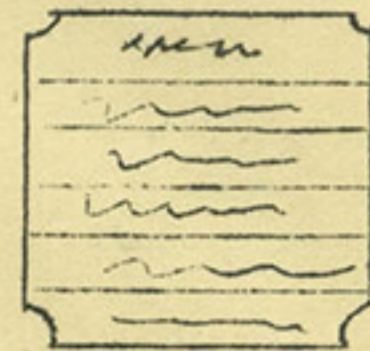
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I KNOW TOO THAT IT IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED IN POOR TASTE TO INSULT AN INVITED GUEST BY ANNOUNCING IN ADVANCE THAT WHATEVER HE IS GOING TO SAY IS BOUND TO BE DISHONEST AND DETRIMENTAL TO HIS HOST'S BEST INTERESTS. YET THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED REGARDING THE SEVEN SO CALLED IRON CURTAIN DELEGATES WHOM OUR STATE DEPARTMENT PERMITTED TO ENTER. DEAR DR. SHAPLEY, LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU THAT FOR MANY YEARS PAST I HAVE LIKED AND ADMIRE YOU AS ONE OF THE BEST AND PATRIOTIC AMERICANS I HAVE COME ACROSS WHICH IS WHY I GLADLY ASSOCIATED MYSELF WITH YOUR VARIOUS ENDEAVORS INCLUDING AND QUITE PARTICULARLY THE PEACE CONFERENCE. HOW ANYONE WHO KNOWS YOU AT ALL SHOULD DOUBT THE PURITY OF YOUR MOTIVES IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION. HATRED AND WAR PSYCHOSIS ARE PRESENTLY HOLDING STRONG POSITIONS IN THIS COUNTRY AND WHOEVER WISHES FURTHER TO RAKE THE FIRE FINDS A PRODIGIOUS PRESS AND RADIO PROPAGANDA APPARATUS AT HIS DISPOSAL.-

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TO ME IT IS ALL THE MORE DEPRESSING THAT YOUR PEACE CONFERENCE WHICH I DEEM ONE RAY OF HOPE AND REASON SHOULD MEET WITH SUCH VIOLENCE AND UNJUST OPPOSITION. I TRUST THAT NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WILL RESULT. SHOULD YOUR FINE AND IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING ACTUALLY BE HARMED BY THE ASSIDIOUS ENEMIES OF PEACE I SHOULD FEEL MOST SORRY NOT SO MUCH FOR YOU AND US AND OUR CONFERENCE AS FOR THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. YOURS, "

THOMAS MANN