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Representative Ralph F. Beermann
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Beermann,

Someone has been deceiving you. The speech you made on the floor of the House on May 5th was false in many respects, and to cite only one beyond cavil I would point out that according to the Congressional Record you said that Waldo Frank's name appears on the ad we ran in the Times on April 13th. It just is not so, Nowhere in the ad is Dr. Frank's name used and this is not intended as a reflection on him. So far as I know he is a well-esteemed writer and scholar. The point is that you told the House that his name was on the ad and it wasn't.

Such laxness of research by your adviser characterizes the whole speech. The charges the Un-American Activities Committee made in 1959, after we called for the abolition of the Committee, are false and made without a hearing. Their use to defame members of our National Council is a clear example of the need to abolish a committee which spends an exorbitant amount of the taxpayers money and serves only to defame and intimidate citizens.

The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee defends the Constitutional rights of all Americans, without regard to their political convictions. We hold that the freedom to think for one's self, and to act on one's own beliefs, is the basis of American strength. It is precisely because of our uncompromising stand for the Bill of Rights that enemies of democracy attempt to smear us.

I hope that you will get your facts straight and correct the errors in the Congressional Record.

Yours sincerely,

Clark Foreman, Director