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Dear Judge Sabath,

I have prepared the enclosed draft of a statement in collaboration with Mr. Shaw and Mr. Duras, and based it, as you will see, upon your foresighted speeches on the floor of the House.

As the magazine must go to press tomorrow (Friday) evening, I would appreciate it, if it agrees with your views, if you wire, collect, to Mr. C.J.Wyle, Suite 903, 114 E. 32nd. St., New York City, that you approve. If you desire to make any changes, will you please give them or a corrected copy of the statement to a telegraph messenger, marked "press collect", so we can bear the cost. At the suggestion of Mr. Shaw I have sent them a copy with instructions that they can under no circumstances use it without word from you.

Thank you very much.

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Yours truly,

Harold Weisberg

Can we do business with Russia after the war?

Of course we can, and we must, for our welfare and the good of the world. I have always advocated friendly commercial relations between America and Russia.

As long ago as 1935, in a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives, I said that "a secret or tacit agreement existed between Hitler, Mussolini and Japan," and recommended we cultivate Russia's friendship.

In recent years I reiterated my belief that we not only could but must be friends with our hard-fighting ally. Over and over I repeated this plea. In a debate on the floor of the House on October 1, 1940, I concluded my remarks with this statement:

"Regardless of what the Nazi and Fascist groups in the United States may say about Russia, I reiterate that the best interests of the United States will be served...by seeking her friendly cooperation."

Important as this was ~~then~~ several years ago, friendship between America and Russia is even more important today, and, when we have put an end to Hitler and his system of horror and suffering, we must continue to enjoy friendly relations with this great power so that we can prevent another fascist horror from being visited upon this world.