February 1, 1945.

Dear Pete:

As I said over the phone, this speech is so tightly knit, it isn't too easy for me to hack out more than half of it and I am not sure I have pared it down to get into the space, but I have made the effort.

On page 6, first column, is the reference to a 200-billion-dollar-a-year country. If you wanted to feature that a little more, I should think it could be run up front after the opening paragraph without being conspicuously out of place.

I can't cut the last few paragraphs which stress the obligation to the war veterans.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond P. Brandt, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 201 Kellogg Building, Washington, D. C.

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