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Dear Dr. Nourse:

I appreciated your letter of the fourteenth very much and I think you are unduly alarmed over the statement in regard to the national income and the population increase. The figure really looks to me like ten and, I think, it looks that way to anybody else, unless he wants to go through a lot of statistical figures.

The facts in the case are, if you want to get right down to brass tacks, the thirty billion dollar income, as compared with the two hundred and twenty-five billion dollar income, is about seven and one-half to one. The population increase is about one and one-half to one, so when you figure it that way the relationship is about five to one.

I don't think any serious damage was done by the statement which I made in the speech.

I am glad you wrote me because that indicates to me that you listened to the speech.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

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