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Dear Mr. Eisenhower,

My Prime Minister having congratulated you on your election on behalf of all of us, I did not think it was fitting for me to add my own good wishes publicly. But as I have been privileged to meet you and have a most memorable conversation with you, I wish to send you my personal felicitations on the signal success you have achieved - a success which you owe, more than to anything else, to your own personal record and stature.

That war is a continuation of policy is a trite and hackneyed saying. But so is policy very often a continuation of war. As one of the host of your admirers who are scattered all over the world I feel confident that the same zeal, vigour and profound understanding with which you helped to ensure the triumph of justice and freedom by the skilful and resolute wielding of a sword will be applied by you to the solution of the world's and your own country's problems by peaceful means, with the same high object in view.

With every personal good wish for your health and strength in the coming ordeals, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Moshe Sharett

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Dear Mr. Minister:

May I take this first opportunity upon my return from my voyage to Korea and the Pacific to thank you for your gracious letter of felicitations of November 10th.

Picking up the thread of the thought in your second paragraph, you will recall that Von Clausewitz cynically, but realistically, declared that armed warfare is merely the extension of unsuccessful diplomacy. It is my conviction that, at this juncture in history, we can no longer afford "unsuccessful diplomacy"; that we must revitalize the world's diplomatic formulae; that we must resort to the sword only as a last recourse in the defense of our fundamental freedoms. I am pleased by your words, because I, like you, am not discouraged with the possibility of finding solutions to the world's problems by peaceful means.

Thank you again for your courteous letter.

Sincerely,

(sgd.) Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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