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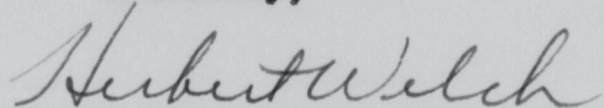
Enclosed is an open letter which we have prepared for submission to President Eisenhower and which expresses confidence in his leadership. It calls for a foreign policy based on ethical morality and courage given to us by faith in God. We affirm the belief that this is the foreign policy of the President.

We are submitting this letter to a small number of clergymen of all faiths. It is our hope that you will be willing to join with us, and with others, in signing this letter to the President, which will be forwarded to him by the Steering Committee of the Committee of One Million (Against the Admission of Communist China to the United Nations).

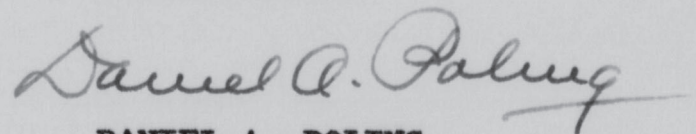
Enclosed is a reply card and self-addressed envelope for your convenience. It is planned to forward the letter at the earliest possible date. We shall appreciate very much your affirmative response.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned, writing as individuals belonging to different faiths, wish to express our warm sympathy with the efforts that you are making in behalf of international peace with justice in this time of grave world tension. Today, the leaders of Communism are shifting rather than relaxing their plans to seize world control. During the past few years these forces have used the tactics of open invasion to achieve their aims in China, Korea and Indo-China. In the Formosa crisis, they invoke a new technique -- aggression under the guise of "negotiation" and "co-existence". Whatever the method, however, the objective remains the same - the subjugation of free men to an atheistic tyranny. We view with concern the apparent feeling among certain influential fellow Americans, and among some leaders in other free nations, that appeasement and further withdrawal provide the answer to this sinister policy.

We understand the anxieties which have led some of our fellow clergymen to talk as though war were the only evil we face, and who seem to believe that we can avoid war by surrendering our own basic rights and those of others. As members of religious faiths devoted to the cause of peace and brotherhood, we, too, are especially conscious of the evils of war - the incredible evils of nuclear war. But we hold that while fullest consultation with allies, neutrals, and even opponents may be advisable, the only hope of avoiding this supreme danger lies in a policy of peace built upon the strength and unity of the free world - not strength of arms alone but strength also of courage and of faith. This we believe is your policy.

We also believe that no true peace with world security can be gained by further withdrawals in the Far East or by attempts to appease these ruthless forces. In particular we stand with you for guaranteeing the continued integrity and freedom of Formosa and against recognizing this Peiping Government or receiving it into the United Nations.

Whenever and wherever the free nations have retreated, temporized or made concessions, the chiefs of Communism have grown more insatiable in their demands. Whenever and wherever we have stood firm, as in Greece, Turkey, Iran, Berlin, Austria and elsewhere in Western Europe, peace has been preserved and freedom strengthened. Clearly the invention of nuclear weapons has made war



even more terrible and this fact makes it more, not less, necessary to maintain sufficient strength to discourage aggression. We believe that the world situation today calls for constructive American leadership in four major directions:

1. Within the limits of our national resources, we must do everything possible to strengthen friendly ties with all free nations and to extend practical, cooperative assistance to any nation whose people face serious difficulties in meeting their own basic needs.

2. In order that each nation may be free to work out its own destiny, we must do all within our power to insure protection against seizure by forces of aggression and subversion.

3. The American people have always opposed, and will always oppose, aggressive war and must continue to oppose any possible aggression by their own government anywhere in the world. We believe that only a totalitarian government would be mad and criminal enough to launch a nuclear attack.

4. We may and should pledge ourselves to aid every people seeking freedom -- specifically, to assist their efforts to obtain freedom through all available economic and diplomatic means.

We are confident that, in this communication to you, we express sentiments that are held by the vast majority of our fellow religionists, both clerical and lay. Finally, we assure you that we shall do everything within our power to support you in carrying out these principles.

Respectfully submitted,



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I am happy to join you, and other clergymen of all faiths,  
in signing the open letter to President Eisenhower.

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