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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, D. C.
February 1, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn K. Ford
2350 West Lake Isles Boulevard
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ford:

This will acknowledge receipt of the telegram on which your name appears first along with several others who join you in expressing your views on the proposed amendment to the Constitution relating to treaties and executive agreements. I hope that it may be convenient for you to advise the others of my response to their communication.

In reply, I wish to say that I am opposed to the Bricker amendment in its present form, which, as you know, is different from the original resolution in which I joined as a co-sponsor. If it is possible to work out a proposal that will command general support and offer suitable safeguards in the making of international commitments, I shall certainly carefully consider such a proposal, but I have concluded that adoption of the amendment in its present form would not be desirable.

Sincerely yours,


Edward J. Thye, U.S.S.

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