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Since that time I have made a diligent endeavor to fortify myself on this subject with whatever authoritative material was available. In addition, I sought information from informed and careful observers who went to Europe in person to explore the program and its effect.

On the basis of such information I am more than ever persuaded that in the interest of solvency at home and the redevelopment of a greater sacrificial spirit abroad, the foreign aid program must be very substantially reduced when it comes before Congress soon. I believe such a step would be in the interest of our people and in the interest of other peoples who will continue reluctant to sacrifice so long as they can depend upon the generosity of America.

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