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Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld c/o U.S/FRANCE REPORT Room 1012 175 Fifth Avenue New York 10, New York

Dear Sam:

Enclosed are two copies of the duplicated transcript of your brief speech to our COUNCIL last Saturday.

In order to get copies to members of the COUNCIL promptly, we were going to send it on without the exerpt from the Paris letter which you had added at the end. But your letter to me, containing that exerpt, came in this morning, after Page 9 of the enclosed transcript had been typed but before the pages had been collated. So we were able to add this closing quotation anyway.

Although we have been trying, for a number of reasons, to avoid further discussion in print of the French situation until the September issue of AMERICAN OPINION comes out in August, I have an idea that there is going to be enough insistent demand for these transcripts, just from the members of our COUNCIL, to cause us to go ahead and print the speech in thin pamphlet format. So if you wish to interpolate those added extemporaneous remarks, on one of the enclosed copies, and mail it back to me, we may be able to get them included in any printed version of the speech if you want us to do so.

Again, my congratulations and my thanks for an excellent job.

Sincerely,

RW:th

Robert Welch

Monday, June 4, 1962 Written from Spokane

Dear Jam -

When your special delivery letter reached me (Sunday afternoon!) we had your speech already pointed in pamphlet form ready to go out with our June Bulletin. This was because requests from members of our Council for the duplicated copies had already powed in so strong that we thought we had better print it anyway.

So this meant changing at the last minute the June Bulletin and increasing it by about four thousand words which had to be written before I caught my plane for Spokane at eight o'clock Monday morning. (So that, not having been home from the office Saturday night, I didn't go Sunday night either, and was just finishing the Bulletin when my cab came to take me to the airport at 6: 45 this morning.) It also meant a loss of several hundred dollars in the printed pamphlets, especially if we destroy them altogether.

Of course I thought we had bought the

speech as delivered at our usual space rates of five cents per word or I would not have got into this position. Nevertheless I did not want and do not want to do anything of which you and your associates disapprove like do our utmost to cooperate with any and all anti Communist groups that really mean business.

But the situation does bring up a question Sam, as to just what you people are trying to accomplish. Which is more important to you. To stay in the good graces of Bell Buckley (who claims to believe that internal subversion is a negligible danger); to build up and maintain the prestige of your Committee; or to strike the most effective blows possible for the ants-Communist cause, helping to save durselves— and possibly even France—from the fate that has already be-fallen fifty other countries?

For it is my firm guess that, if our members can be allowed to purchase from us and distribute printed copies of the speech exactly as delivered, they will use at least half a million copies and guete possibly a million copies. (At the rate the

COUNCIL started ordering copies it would into several millions. But I am not that optimistic. In fact, I am a realist about everything which has to do with this whole struggle. I So ask yourself, Sam, just where when and how your Committee is ever going to be able to get the all-important truth about what de Gaulle is doing over to even a significant of that number of American patriots.

Let me be perfectly frank Sam, as to why having the speech exactly as is in our displicated copies would make so much difference. and please forgive the appearance of vanity. It is only appearance, I assure you, but there simply is not time in this fight today for the comfort of modesty. Our members have acquired over the years a firm confidence in my understanding of the methods and monace of the Commun. ist conspiracy. They are well aware of how, increasingly over the past ten years, I have been so viciously smeared for calling the shots "correctly - as about Tito in 1951 (!), Sukarno in 1956, Castro in 1958, and a dozen other major persons, events, and developments. With rare exceptions among them they will now take for granted that I know what I am talking about, and will accept and ingorously

defend what I say. But for that very reason the smearing of me by the Communists and their dupes and allies has grown to mammath proportions for the purpose of causing whatever I say to be discounted in the minds of the in-sufficiently informed.

So our members would welcome with terrific enthusiasm the reenforcement of their views about my views as represented by the first page of your speech. They would also welcome with similar enthusiasm your brief comments concerning the COUNCIL and your crait to Belmont When you put those reasons for unusual interest on their part together with the fact that your speech is a masterpiece from many points of view the combination would set them off towards obtaining readership of the speech that would really be massive - and with exactly the kind of people you and I most want to reach with this message about de Gaulle But human nature being what it is, and despite the worthiness of the main body of the speech if you take away or change the first page the circulation our members would pay for or

obtain would be cut to ten percent of its otherwise likely total.

I am writing the office today, Sam, to send you a check for the # 145 expenses mentioned in your letter, which I brought with me I am holding up paying for the speech itself until we can be sure of what we are going to do with it in the hope that arrangements will enable me to pay considerably more than originally suggested for if we can use it exactly as is I am willing to pay a royally of one-half per copy on the little eight-page pamphlet. I feel so sure of the sale of a hundred thousand copies that ? am willing to pay the royalty of five hundred dollars on that amount in advance. and I am not kidding when I say that the sale could easily run to half a million copies and might run to a million. This is one of those trave situations where a lot of considerations and developments just happen to have combined to produce a very hot iron indeed which can be forged at once into a very powerful weapon if the opportunity is seized of helling it promptly enough and with sufficient force.

So let me know. But do not lightly pass up the opening for so powerful an impact on the enemy—for anything we ever do that really hurts them comes at a heavy cost in some way and requires a lot of courage. This is a condition which they have spent forty years in arranging.

In the meantine, my kindest regards.

Sincerely

Bob Wolch

P.S. This letter was started when I got here Monday. But then I was swept into so unceasing a series of speeches and meetings that I was unable to finish it until early this morning, Wednesday, as urgent and important as I consider the matter to be. In the meantime I have a telegram from one member of our COUNCIL who wants to send a copy of the speech to every weekly newspaper in the United States. I'll be at the Statles Hilton in Los angeles from Friday through Monday if you want to reach me by wire or letter. And Trepeat Sam that between your speech and our organization we have a potential beam of truth here that can be extremely powerful if you will let us use it. P.W.

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#### Belmont 78. Massachusetts

June 14, 1962

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Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld American Committee For France And Algeria Room 1012, 175 Fifth Avenue New York 10, New York

Dear Sam:

Many thanks for your letter of June 9, which I find here on my return from the West Coast.

Enclosed is our check for five hundred dollars, covering advance payment of royalty, at one-half cent per copy, on the first one hundred thousand copies we sell of the reprints of your speech, ABOUT DE GAULLE.

And incidentally, enclosed are two copies of those reprints which should have been sent you sooner. They were already in stock before I left for California, but through my oversight in the last-minute rush that Sunday night, I did not get one off to you or leave word for anybody else to do so. And since I did leave word for the stock to be set aside untouched until further instructions from me, nobody here sent you a copy either.

Because the postage cost would be too serious a consideration, we cannot now make the distribution of these reprints to our members until the reprints are included with our July bulletin, which will go into the mails right around the first of July. And I am awfully sorry that they could not have been sent with the June bulletin, as originally planned, and now have already been in the hands of our members all over the country for at least a week. But this cannot be helped, and I still hope and expect that the reaction will be as favorable and extensive as indicated in my earlier letter to you.

I find that the extra copies of AMERICAN OPINION, and some of the Dollar Reprints, have already been forwarded to you promptly, and I hope they have reached you by this time. Both your comments in connection with distribution, and your help in this manner, are much appreciated. And one of my Assistants is writing you today with regard to the forwarding of some other material which I discussed with you over the telephone.

Please tell Mr. Forster that the invitation to have dinner with you and himself at his home is also much appreciated, and I shall certainly be glad to take advantage of it at the very first opportunity when I can be in New York. Unfortunately, I get to Los Angeles and Chicago. and even Houston or Washington, far more often than I do to your city, But I shall make it a point to be there, specifically to accept the kind invitation, if and as soon as I can in the midst of so crowded a schedule.

In the meantime, and as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

RW:th Robert Welch

P.S. On one of the copies enclosed I have indicated the change which I have already asked Fred Koch to make, on the copies he himself will prepare for his mailing to all of the weekly newspapers in the United States. This is in line with our telephone conversation, and I hope meets with your approval. RW

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#### Belmont 78. Massachusetts

August 3, 1962

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Mr. Samuel Blumenfeld U.S./France Report Room 1012 175 Fifth Avenue New York 10, New York

Dear Sam:

Enclosed is a copy of our August Bulletin. And I should like to have you read rather carefully the item on the Agenda, No. 7, WATCH-DOGS OF THE PRESS, on page thirteen and one-half of page four-teen. For one of the men we have had in mind, who might be able to do this regular monthly feature, CORRECTION, PLEASE, for AMERICAN OPINION, is yourself. And we wouldn't care whether you did it under your own name or a nom de plume, as you might prefer.

If we use six pages of the magazine each time, as now intended, this would run about three thousand words. And while a considerable fraction of this copy would consist merely of transcripts quoted from press items, as a basis for our correction and criticism, the fact remains that both more research, more skillful writing, and even more basic understanding of the terrible ramifications of the Communist conspiracy, would be required than for turning out more specialized articles on any particular subject. So we would be willing to pay at least \$200 per month for the job, and perhaps more. And you could do all of the writing and research right there in New York, as we would simply forward to you the clippings received from our members, and you could pick up other items in the press for this CORRECTION, PLEASE treatment wherever you found them.

If the idea interests you at all, we shall be glad to pay your expenses for a trip to Boston, to talk it over in more detail. So let me know.

And with our good wishes and kindest regards in the meantime, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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## Belmont 78, Massachusetts

September 28, 1962

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Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld American Committee For France And Algeria Room 1012 175 Fifth Avenue New York 10, New York

Dear Sam:

RW:th

The accompanying letter was dictated two days ago, but is just getting transcribed. In the meantime I have just received from you some very valuable material, which I appreciate immensely. And I wanted to let you know at once that it had arrived.

As always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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### Belmont 78. Massachusetts

September 28, 1962 (Dictated September 26, 1962)

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Dear Sam:

Because I stay so crowded, I shall let you and Scott work together on CORRECTION, PLEASE, to bring it gradually to a state of perfection -- or even one stage beyond that! And if I do get any ideas of my own which I think might be helpful, I'll simply pass them on to Scott for him to take up with you in your discussions. This is because, with so much pressure on my time, I simply bog down everything that I undertake to get involved in directly.

With regard to the possibility of Random House or some other publisher putting out a trade edition of the Blue Book, I appreciate both your suggestion, and your offer to take the matter up with Bennett Cerf. But there are problems and disadvantages involved. One is simply the profit we make on the Blue Book, through our present method of handling, as a source of income for the Society.

Our total sale of the Blue Book to date, at two dollars each, has been about two hundred thousand copies. Since it has cost us, in the format we use, about sixty-to seventy cents per copy, we have a net profit of about one dollar per copy after allowing for shipping and handling. And while this monthly profit has now become comparatively small, as a percentage of the total budget of the Society, we have to scramble for all possible sources of income to meet our expenses and in order to expand our activities as rapidly as we dare.

For the sake of reaching more readers, we have also given much thought to the repeated suggestion that we put the Blue Book out in a dollar paperbound edition. We have held off from doing that, also in part because of the way it would cut into the profit on the sale of the two-dollar book. But there are other valid reasons for going slow in following that suggestion. Let me merely say, therefore, that both your recommendation and others have been and will be under careful consideration; I'll let you know if and when I think we should follow through on your suggestion; and in the meantime

your interest is very much appreciated.

The September issue of your U.S./FRAN CE REPORT, which I have just had a chance to read for the first time during the last half hour, is excellent, revealing, and to the point. And I hope it does a lot of good in waking up people, like Alice Widener for instance, who should know better, and who is still insisting in her newspaper column and her other printed material that anybody like us who criticizes de Gaulle in any way is simply a vicious ignoramous. These are the people whom we need to get informed as to the true picture of what has happened in Algeria and is now happening in France, much more than the general public. And your September REPORT should be a big help in that direction.

Not only am I as buried as usual with the pressures from every side, but right now I am doing my utmost to hammer out the October bulletin to have it ready for a meeting of our Executive Committee in Chicago all day this coming Saturday, and then for the printer on Monday. So I'll not try to write more, but merely send you instead, and as always, my very kindest regards. And Marian joins me in sending the same best regards from herself.

Sincerel<mark>v</mark>.

Robert Welch

RW:th

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#### Belmont 78. Massachusetts

February 6, 1963 (Dictated February 4)

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Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld Room 1706 175 Fifth Avenue New York 10. New York

Dear Sam:

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Just after finishing our telephone conversation a few minutes ago, I recalled that Frank Meyer had just personally sent me a copy of his new book, IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM.

So, while I certainly do not want to get the dinner, to which Mr. Forster has been kind enough to invite me, loaded with National Review people, and while I do not even know whether Frank Meyer "fits in" with your group or not, I was sorry I had not mentioned his name while I was talking to you.

For while I have never met Frank Meyer, nor read him enough to have any clear opinion about either his philosophy or himself, I do know that he is highly regarded by Revilo Oliver. So I decided to drop you this line, with the suggestion that possibly you might want to have him invited to the "salon." But if for any reason whatsoever it is inappropriate to do so, then just please ignore this letter, and no comment of any kind is needed.

I am looking forward very much to being with you on Saturday evening, February 16, and shall be waiting at the Harvard Club at 7:00 P.M.

In the meantime, and as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Mr. Robert Welch Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

Congratulations for releasing "The Politician." I am finding a great interest in the book everywhere. My apologies for the check which "bounced." This embarrassing mishap was the result of bookkeeping gone awry in the middle of an expensive trip to Ohio. The enclosed check is to replace the bad one. I hope this has not caused you any inconvenience.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of Hal Lehrman's book "Russia's Europe" which was originally published in 1947. Hal had toured Eastern Europe immediately after World War II and witnessed the Communist takeover. The book, naturally, never got off the ground because it was too anti-Communist. It might be appropriate for the Dollar Reprint line, although it is still a "liberal" book with lots of references to the "reactionaties". This, 1 think, was Hal's way of making up to the liberals for his highly critical attitude toward the Communists. In any case, I thought it would be good if you looked through the book for two reasons: (1) you might possibly want to reprint it or a new version of it; and (2) Hal Lehrman is an individual worth getting to know. You met him, of course, during your evening with us in New York, and 1 must say you made quite an impression on him. Hal is a journalist, writer and lecturer, extremely well known and respected in Jewish circles. For years he wrote steadily for Commentary. He has also written for the big magazines. His specialty has been North Africa. He is also a very good friend of Soustelle's. If you can possibly spare the time, invite him to Belmont. With a Hal Lehrman working with us, we could make some real inroads in New York.

Speaking of your visit to New York, it turns out that so many people have complained to Clifford for not having been invited to meet you, that you are now in demand for a second visit. Clifford has asked me to extend to you another invitation. Do you have an evening free in the coming months? This would also give me a chance to go over some material with you. The manuscript has now reached 300 type-written pages, and the end is still not in sight.

I was delighted that you were able to use the Themas Jefferson quote in the April bulletin. It is from a very hot piece Jefferson wrote about the Judiciary in general, in which he accused them of undoing what the

Founding Fathers had so carefully constructed. I shall type out the larger text and send it to you.

Needless to say, the Lucius Beebe piece is a block-buster. Personally, I feel the breakthrough is in the air. There have been many small signs. I am also amazed at the number of people who want to read "The Politician." I ordered those extra copies because so many people wanted to borrow mine. So now I've got a lending library running, which suggests another idea for the American Opinion Libraries, a rental lending library section.

Concerning "The Politician", this is an excellent example of how anti-Communists can make use of a Communist tactical error. The conspiracy gave "The Politician" all of that publicity because they thought it would destroy you and the John Birch Society. But, in fact, it has had the very opposite effect, providing the book with the kind of publicity it would have never gotten had it been published in the ordinary way by a Regnery or Devin Adair. The idea that Robert Welch accused Eisenhower of being a Communist has been drummed into the head of every American. The Communists used that idea as their chief weapon against the John Birch Society, which meant that they were convinced that the American people loved Eisenhower more than they love their country. The Eisenhower myth, I think, will be far easier to destroy than the de Gaulle myth. For once, the technique of Reversal has backfired, which again proves that you can only take advantage of Communist mistakes when you understand how the conspiracy works.

Concerning Philip Dru, I am going to start research shortly for the Introduction. Actually, I have been doing some informal research whenever I have had the time to sandwich it in with the dozen other things I amd oing. I think you will like what I have in mind.

I shall be in touch with you soon.

With fondest regards to you and warm greetings to Marian,

Faithfully,

Samuel L. Blumenfeld

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#### Belmont 78. Massachusetts

April 9, 1963

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Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld 111 East 26th Street New York 10, New York

Dear Sam:

First, do not worry any about the check which "bounced." I didn't even know anything about it. So I simply turned over the new check to those who are handling the orders and remittances for THE POLITICIAN for me. All I do is spend the money that comes in! And with a printer's bill of at least a hundred thousand dollars, in connection with THE POLITICIAN alone, you can see how easy that is going to be.

Hal Lehrman's book, Russia's Europe, has not yet arrived. But I shall be very glad to look it over carefully when it does. And I'll certainly give careful consideration to the possibility of bringing it out in our Dollar Reprint Series. The initial investment for each such reprint is a minimum of ten thousand dollars, in order to run enough copies to get the price down satisfactorily, so we have to be pretty sure of a pretty good sale in connection with each such book that we bring out. But we certainly might want to do this one, from what you say, if we can see enough likelihood of getting our investment back.

I must confess that I do not remember Hal Lehrman specifically, from among those whom I met at Mr. Forster's that evening. But I should be delighted to get to know him better. And if you think he would like to come to Belmont for a visit, we shall certainly invite him. Which brings up the next point.

I should be very glad to have another free dinner at Mr. Forster's apartment, and meet with friends who would be assembled there. (And next time, we would make it a point to be on time!) But I do not want to be imposing on him, and should want to be absolutely sure that he himself would really like to have this return engagement. If so, I'll work out a date as early as I can. The biggest

problem is that Saturday night is obviously the best time for such a gathering, and it is my weekends which are so committed, frequently far in advance, partly because that is when I hold my two-day seminars. In fact this coming weekend, which is entirely too close for any arrangements to be made, is the last one I shall have completely clear until May 11. For the weekend of May 4 I do have only the Saturday tied up, with the speech which I shall be making in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday evening. So I could come back from Columbus Sunday, by way of New York City, and be available there Sunday evening, if that would be anywhere near as good a time for such a meeting as a Saturday evening. Otherwise, Saturday, May 11 is the first such opening I now have -- and also the last one for a few weeks thereafter.

If any of these should prove satisfactory, and if Mr. Forster did really want me, I assume that perhaps Hal Lehrman might be present again. If so, I could take that opportunity to invite him personally to pay us a visit in Belmont. Or, I can write him a letter much earlier, inviting him to come up to see us, if you will give me his address and think that is better.

Am glad you are doing so well with your incipient "lending library" for THE POLITICIAN. Incidentally, our American Opinion Libraries do, in many instances, already run a lending section. This was a part of the whole idea in the establishment of these "reading rooms that sell books."

As you know, Kenneth Goff has brought out a hardbound edition of Philip Dru, which is selling, I believe, for five dollars. At any rate, he is running an advertisement of it in the forthcoming May issue of AMERICAN OPINION. He has certainly done it in a very funny way, however, in that there is absolutely no name of a publisher or of any source from which to buy the book, in the book itself. I agree with you that this probably would not interfere too much with a Dollar Reprint version of the book, in the AMERICAN OPINION series, especially with a good introduction by yourself, and a more professional job done of the publishing of the book, in other ways. So I think it is well worthwhile to go ahead with your introduction whenever you can.

With regard to the major book on which you are working, and which has now reached three hundred typewritten pages, I shall be delighted to have a chance to go over some of it with you at the first practicable opportunity. And I do have some ideas as to how we would try to give it a good send-off when ready.

In the meantime, and as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

RW:th

Robert Welch

# AMERICAN OPINION

An Informal Review

## Belmont 18. Massachusetts

April 23, 1963

Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld American Committee for France and Algeria Room 1012 175: Fifth Avenue New York 10, New York

Dear Sam:

Do you have Thomas Molnar's address -- preferably the one of his home? We have hunted through our files and find that we have no record of ever having had it at any time.

Bob is looking forward to seeing you, in New York, before too long; and we hope that you will pay us a visit in Boston soon again.

Good wishes and kindest regards from Bob and from me.

Sincerely,

Marian P. Welch

Assistant to Mr. Welch

MPW:s

#### April 26, 1963

Mrs. Marian P. Welch American Opinion Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Marian:

Thomas Molnar's address is: 294 West 92nd Street, New York 25, N. Y.

You might also like to have Hal Lehrman's address, which is: 160 East 48th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

As you probably know, I sent Bob a copy of Lehrman's book, RUSSIA'S EUROPE, with the thought that he might want to do it in the Dollar Reprint Series. I don't know if he has had a chance to read it, but he might want to communicate with Hal Lehrman about it.

We are all looking forward to seeing Bob in New York on the 11th; and you can be sure that I shall be coming up to Boston one of these days now that the winter is gone.

In the meanwhile, be of good cheer and do let me know if you got a chance to read Atlas Shrugged.

With fond regards to you both,

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Blumenfeld

P.S. Am enclosing my latest U.S./France Report, in case you haven't seen it.

## AMERICAN OPINION

An Informal Review

#### Belmont 78. Massachusetts

April 30, 1963

Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld U.S. / France Report Room 1706 -- 175 Fifth Avenue New York 10, New York

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your prompt reply, and for the two addresses, as well as for your thoughtfulness in enclosing a copy of your latest U.S./France Report. I had had no opportunity to see this particular issue, and I am most appreciative of having my own.

Bob, too, is looking forward to May 11th; and then all of us to a visit from you, now that the temperatures in the office begin to register somewhat above zero.

There has been not a minute in which to open the pages of Atlas Shrugged; but I shall have to make time before too long. For if it even approaches The Fountainhead, I know how much I have been missing.

With kindest regards and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Marian P. Welch

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