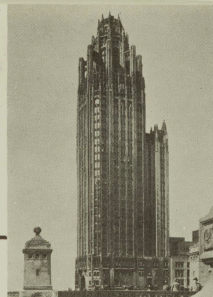


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Dear Mr. Levi:

United States citizens of 1958 will hope and trust that their successors of half a century later will know and enjoy the things they valued most in their own time: the independence of their country, the freedom of its people under law, a life of reasonable abundance and happiness under a free market system, and absence of restraint upon expression.

We of our day, however, must acknowledge that we live under disconcerting conditions in a disturbing world. For a quarter of a century there has been a perceptible and continuous increase in governmental power, to the detriment of the rights of states and citizens alike. Federal influence, if not direct intervention, has played a growing part in directing the economy, restricting the rights and opportunities of the individual citizen, and introducing an arbitrary tone into the relatively loose social contract under which citizens of all groups and classes previously had managed to get along with one another without too much friction.

Under the external threat of the Communist armed party in Russia and elsewhere, the United States had forsaken its former character as the great neutral of the world and had committed itself without limit, by the year 1958, to the protection of more than two score countries, to the support of their shaky economies and doubtful military establishments, and to the containment of further soviet expansion.

The burdens thus imposed upon the nation, when added to those inevitable in a dispensatory state, committed to support and sustain the weak, the incapable, and the luckless, or the economic or minority groups whose vote was thought to be for sale, had already grown in our time to staggering