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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1946

Dear Alger:

I have your letter submitting your resignation to take effect January 15.

While in New York I learned from Mr. Acheson of your desire to resign in order to accept an appointment with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Because of the attractive offer made you I cannot blame you for accepting it, but I wish to express my regret at your leaving the State Department.

Since I became Secretary the Office of Special Political Affairs has had most important tasks, and as Director of that office you have conducted its affairs with great efficiency.

You have made a most valuable contribution to the organization of United Nations, and I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your loyalty as well as your efficiency.

I wish you great success in your new work.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ James F. Byrnes

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