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Washington, D.C.

Dear Tommy:

With much regret I am sending you herewith the study that you prepared last fall on the concepts and structure of Soviet Foreign Policy.

I myself, as you will see from the documents attached to it, began to try to polish it up, which was all it needed. That, however, was last winter; and since then, I have simply never had time to get at it again. I gave it to Steve in the hopes that he could do it, but he hung on to it for two months and finally gave it back when he left. I now see no chance of getting to it with the present shortage of officers, and even if I could, I am afraid the typing would present a bitter problem. Regretfully, I therefore send it on to you. I am in the hopes that you may be able to fix it up yourself and put it on record with the Department. It is a really valuable document into which a great deal of work and thought entered, and I would not like to see it go unused. If you cannot do anything with it in the Department, please send it back. Some day we may still be able to get around to it.

I try to keep a general eye on Nina. I am afraid life is pretty dull for her these days. She was very disappointed that you could not come here from Berlin.

Thank you very much for your kind letter from Berlin. It was good of you to say that the Department had great plans for me. I know that I must presume heavily in the near future on the Department's confidence in me. There are urgent and compelling reasons, of which I alone can be the judge, why I should go home at this juncture and lead a different life for a time.

This decision

This decision reflects no bitterness at all toward the Department or the Service. They have, between the two of them, been my life for nearly twenty years, and I am deeply attached to them both. It is my hope that it will not prove difficult for the Department at a later date to find for me a place where I may be useful in the pattern of our foreign relations, even though it might not be within the framework of the Foreign Service itself. In ~~my~~ case, I could assure ~~any~~ of my friends in the Department that if I were not to do what I propose to do at this time, I would be of no great value to anyone in another ten or twenty years.

Sincerely,

*George Kennan*

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