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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

At Key West, Florida March 31, 1950

Dear Dean:

I appreciated most highly your letter of the 28th, and what I appreciated most was the fact that Mrs. Acheson had good news with regard to your daughter. Mrs. Truman and I have been very much interested in her welfare and recovery.

I am attaching a copy of the press conference which I held yesterday. I want you to know exactly what was said, so there can be no misinterpretations.

I tried my best to nail the issue down, as you and Vandenberg and Stimson have been outlining it, and as I outlined it to Bridges and Vandenberg in my two personal letters.

I think we have these "animals" on the run. Privately, I refer to McCarthy as a pathological liar, and Wherry as the blockheaded undertaker from Nebraska. Of course, we can't do that publicly, but there's no doubt that's exactly what they are.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Dean Acheson Secretary of State Washington, D. C.

Harry S. Truman to Dean Acheson, March 31, 1950. (The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, GLC00782.22)