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WASHINGTON, D. C.

E. R. Stettinius, Jr.
Administrator

January 5, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: E. R. Stettinius Jr.

Following up my discussion with you, I am sending you herewith a draft of a letter finding the defense of the Provisional Government of Czechoslovakia vital to the defense of the United States. This step has been approved by Mr. Hopkins and the War Department.

I think it would be most helpful if this letter could be released today, as the Czechoslovakian Minister is making a short-wave broadcast to his people around tomorrow noon.

Attachment

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. R. Stettinius, Jr.", is written over the bottom right portion of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the left.

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Lend Lease

My dear Mr. Stettinius:

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For purposes of implementing the authority conferred upon you as Lend-Lease Administrator by Executive Order No. 8926, dated October 28, 1941, and in order to enable you to arrange for Lend-Lease aid to the Provisional Government of Czechoslovakia, I hereby find that the defense of the Provisional Government of Czechoslovakia is vital to the defense of the United States.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt

THE WHITE HOUSE

January 5, 1942

FOR THE PRESS

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY 5, 1942

The President today addressed to Honorable E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Administrator, Office of the Lend-Lease Administration, a letter, the text of which follows:

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