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Gentlemen,

In the first place I wish to thank you sincerely for your kindness to be present at this meeting.

The purpose of this gathering today is to appeal to the American People and especially to the younger generation who are engaged in athletics and ask their assistance, for the athletes of Greece, that they would be given the opportunity to represent the colours of their small Country, yet so great in history, at the next Olympic Games.

It is well known to all of you that the Olympic Games will be held in London next year and that all the civilized nations will participate, without the exception of my Country, which first organized these games bringing into life a splendid tradition.

Unfortunately the financial condition of my Country does not permit expenditure for the necessary training and preparation of the young Greek athletes in 1948, is seriously in doubt.

It is because we wish to avoid absence of Greece from the Olympic Games that I appeal to you today through the press for the assistance of all lovers of sports. The collection of a sum nearing \$ 50,000-necessary for the training of a complete Greek athletic team, would make secure the representation of my Country at the next Olympic Games.

I hope, that with your assistance I will succeed to communicate with the Universities, Colleges, and High-Schools and

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appeal to these young people of this Great Country, who love my Country as I have noticed personally at the New Bedford, Mass. High School, which I visited last year, and who after my appeal and that of the Mayor, Mr. Harriman, sent to Greece 21 cases of clothes, toys, foodstuffs and a library. These things have reached already Athens and were distributed to 350 needy High School students.

I have been officially authorized by the Greek Committee for the Olympic Games to appeal for contributions; all those willing to contribute should send their contribution to one of the following Banks in New York, for the account of the "Greek Olympic Committee":

Bank of Athens Trust Co.,
203 West 33rd Street
New York 1, N.Y.

Hellenic Bank Trust Co.,
139 William Street
New York, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

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