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My dear President Jones:

The International Student Assembly with delegates from 56 nations, held in Washington from September 2nd to 5th, did much to strengthen the ties between those students of the United Nations who attended. They felt that the work of the Assembly should be continued and that its program should reach as many students here and abroad as possible. The outstanding contribution of the International Student Assembly was the fact that representatives of all races, creeds and nationalities discussed their problems and came to an agreement to which all of them could subscribe.

As one of its first activities, the Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the observance of International Students Day on November 17th. On that day, three years ago, 160 Czechoslovak students who openly protested against the attempts of the Nazis to destroy free education in Czechoslovakia were executed. Last year November 17th was observed as International Students Day in England, China, India, South America and some parts of the United States, not only to commemorate the event, but to demonstrate international unity among students and to affirm their determination to preserve freedom of learning. We feel that International Students Day, if observed in the same spirit this year, can be a significant contribution to our war effort.

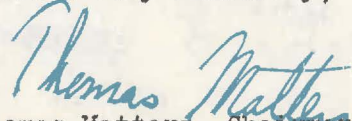
We are calling on you to assist in making International Students Day an event in which all students, American and foreign, and every campus organization in your college can cooperate. We have written to students in some colleges advising them to consult and cooperate with the administration officials in this observance. If no students on your campus are as yet planning for International Students Day, we hope that you will take the initiative in calling together such a group.

October 22, 1942

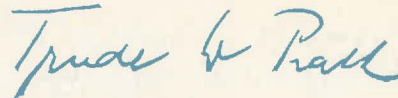
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Enclosed are some materials on International Students Day which will be of value to you in making your plans. We will be delighted to send you other information which we are now preparing, if you so desire.

Yours very sincerely,



Thomas Matters, Chairman
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