

Honorable Harry S. Truman,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President: ~~Heartiest~~ Heartiest congratulations on your appointment of ~~Averell~~ Averell Harriman as secretary of commerce. It was a case of selecting the right man for the right place at the right time.

Since Mr. Harriman has demonstrated his capabilities as a successful business man and industrialist and is a firm believer in the American system of free enterprise, his appointment to the most important business post in your administration obviously will be gratifying to the entire business community.

At the same time, Mr. Harriman's liberal and enlightened attitude toward labor and the efforts he has exerted toward the improvement of management-labor relations should make him thoroughly acceptable to workingmen everywhere and to the left wing elements in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Furthermore, the appointment is a reiteration of the firm stand you previously had taken on American foreign policy, since Mr. Harriman's support of that policy is well known. Despite this, official Russia has confidence in him and regards him as a friend.

This rare and happy combination of assets and qualifications is possessed by perhaps no other American and makes Mr. Harriman both the ideal and the logical man for the place.

Amon Carter