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Dear Al:

During my trip through Europe I had read the daily newspapers with trepidation; the war in Israel and scandals back home, the continued devaluation of the dollar, the oil crisis, and so many other horrendous stories seemed to fill the pages. As I went from Rome to Istanbul, the Tribune carried the story of your visit to Russia. When I arrived in Athens, I found the same story in the Athens News. As I have lost the Tribune summary, I am enclosing that in the News.

I felt proud to be a member of the APA and a member of your staff, for it is rare in this world--which seems so dishonest and whose leaders seem intent on self-aggrandizement--to find that one of my friends has spoken out. This was particularly true because, during my visits to Istanbul and Athens, I was impressed by the anxieties of Drs. Polvan and Stafanis, and their co-workers, Memal Cig and others, that the United States might not stand up to the Russian thrust. Since the Russians represent the principal threat to world peace today, I am grateful that you and the Association have spoken out against the abuses of power that have become the hallmarks of Russian thought and action.

My thanks for your honesty,

Sincerely yours,

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