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Summary of Foreign Aid Policies

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I believe that foreign aid is a necessary part of our foreign policy. It is necessary to build up the anti-communist world to a position where it will be strong enough to instill hope in its people that not only should but can resist the encroachment of communist aggression. Our foreign aid programs in Greece and Turkey, in Western Europe as a whole and to a lesser extent in the Far East, indicate the soundness of this approach. To rehabilitate all our allies and restore to them a position of strength, is very much in the interest and security of the United States of America.

We can no longer remain isolated, and as the only power able to furnish leadership at the present time, we must accept our responsibilities. It is not a question of wanting to do these things. It is a question of having to undertake these programs. They should, of course, be undertaken on a basis that is in keeping with our own resources and they should be laid down with attached conditions which would insure the greatest possible success of the program.