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Dear William Allen White:

I have just received today, January 3rd, a letter of yours dated December 15th. I suppose that the letter being inside the package caused the delay. I am more sor than I can tell. I should have loved to have given yo my first impressions of that historic occasion, when H. arose before the nations and read his duplicate of Art X. I would have liked to have said all the low down which you asked for and which I did not dare put in my dignified and commonplace piece. I only took a little at him, as much as I thought I could get over. Of cour now it's altogether too late, as you say your piece come the middle of January.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am, for it looks as if I had willfully neglected your letter, while as I say it would have really given me joy to have let myself loose and uttered all the profanity I felt. Really there never was anyt[redacted] like it in history. Hoover says that if it the Ameri[redacted] people do not see the humor of this thing that he will dispair of them, but the fact of the matter is he's the only person that I've come across that really ought the tremendous irony of it. Between you and me, I think Hughes has messed the whole business with the French. He has offended their sore sensibilities and what they've been doing here when they got their belated chance, was to throw any old ship they could get their hands on at him, just something that would put a dent unto his confidence; make him know by a rousing blow that they were here, that they regarded themselves as an equal and not as a poor relation. These things come out in the wash and I hope before they get through with it that they will realize that after all Wilson did have some difficulties in Paris. One thing is that it's going to stop their bragging about which they have been so shameless, that this was the greatest thing on earth. Don't take any stock in this stuff about an alliance between the Japs and the French. It is being manufactured by one or two English journalists, Nevinson particularly, and by the Chita people. The English are so

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