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Pursuant to the Resolution of the Senate and by designation of Vice President Harry S. Truman, I have read today the enclosed Address of our first President. It remains one of the outstanding utterances of American history, and shall ever be a fitting reminder of our duty to abide by the lessons of the past. Furthermore, the effects of time have served to emphasize the soundness of its judgments. Its re-reading makes me more proud of American exceptionalism.

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