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Lincoln's Birthday
February 12, 1945.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

To brand France as the fascist enemy he is and to end all our polite dealings with him -- an action surely long overdue!

To their statement calling for the breaking of all relations between our country and France Spain, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have already secured nearly three hundred outstanding signers. I consider the statement so important and its signatures so influential, that I have proposed their appearance, in the enclosed form, as advertisements in one or more of the large metropolitan newspapers.

The Veterans of the Lincoln Brigade is, of course, a small organization, most of whose members are now fighting in our armed forces. They have not the resources for the ambitious project I propose. But I am sure that their friends and the friends of a free Spain and a total victory over fascism will enable them to carry it through.

I am contributing money myself and feel that you may wish to join me for this purpose.

Hundreds of brave American "premature anti-fascists" gave their lives in Spain. Many from the Lincoln Brigade have died on today's battlefields. Recently all America was grieved to learn of the death of Captain Herman Bottaer, who followed his service in Spain by becoming the outstanding hero of the Pacific war theatre.

I am sure that the most fitting tribute to these courageous men would be to aid in continuing the patriotic work which they began in 1937 and which their comrades-in-arms are carrying forward today. And this includes arousing America to an understanding of the message of Franco and his Falange.

May I look forward to a generous check from you, made out either to me or to the Veterans of the Lincoln Brigade?

Sincerely,
Paul Robeson

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Feb. 8, 1945