

February 11, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington D.C.

Sir:

About three weeks ago I ventured to send to you through the American Embassy at Bonn the following cable:
PLEASE STRESS THAT A GOVERNMENT THAT HAS BROKEN THE OLDEST RULE OF THE COMITY OF NATIONS HAS PLACED ITSELF OUTSIDE INTERNATIONAL LAW. I have since had occasion for a long discussion of this extremely important problem with my old friend the philosopher Sir Karl Popper and he has asked me in our joint names to urge on you the only peaceful solution which we could find for this highly dangerous and for the future of the peace of the world extremely important problem: submit the whole issue to the International Curt at the Hague.

This would seem to satisfy all the crucial requirements: take prompt drastic action ina form which leads to a process which will leave time for feelings to cool down and must lead in the end to a formal restatement of a basic doctrine of international law without which a return to normal relations would be impossible.

With profound respect,
your obedient servant,

Professor F.A.Hayek, F.^h.A.^h:

THE PRESIDENT

U.S.A.

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