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Senator William F. Knowland  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

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My Dear Senators

You ask my view of the request you and your colleagues have made for a positive declaration that the United States will not recognize Communist China and that it will oppose its membership in the United Nations.

I do not assume there is any such intention but it is certain that such a declaration would clear up some of the fog in these questions.

Certainly the recognition of the Moscow satellite government in China would be a further surrender in the cold war which General Bradley intimates we are losing. It would be a further acceptance of the sweep of the Kremlin's aggressive militarism, agnosticism and red imperialism. It is a system of immorality and without compassion that we cannot accept. It would plant another nest of communist propagandists and agents in Washington and in every Chinese consulate over the Landis would betray millions of Chinese still struggling against a slave state.

The admission of communist China into the United Nations with the support of the United States would inevitably result in all the obnoxious effects. In addition it would add further to the already dominantly destructive forces in the United Nations.

If the United Nations is ever to be useful to the human race it must free itself of communist domination—not add to it.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Hoover

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