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Miss Katherine Jennings, of the S. C. News Service, (Telephone 29548) is doing a kind of a round-table article and wants a short quote (three or four lines) on your idea of the seriousness of the world situation. She wants something along the line of - whether we should arm or not - whether you think the seriousness is being exaggerated - or something along that line. Just a short quote.

FRSmith

March 23, 1948

[Handwritten note: Possibly]

The present peril to world peace is urgent and real. Russia is as dangerous an enemy as Germany ever was. The United States, in a sincere effort to promote peace, disbanded its armed might shortly after the war ended. Russia did not. As a result, Russia was able to prepare without hindrance to seize Europe and Asia. The lesson is hard and clear. Russia, like Germany, respects force, nothing else. The United States must re-arm immediately. Any delay may prove fatal.