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Our earnest prayer is for peace. If war should come, it would not be the result of any aggressive act on the part of the United States. But war might come as the result of any display of weakness, of disunity or of hesitation.

I shall cast my vote on the side of firmness, for unity and for decision.