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DATE: March 6, 1939

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COMMENTS:

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SUBJECT:

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Charles S. Chapman - JM*

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I have read this correspondence - and your memo of September 13, 1938 - with some feeling of doubt. Your long-range plans (which I admire) would, I fear, involve the RF in activities in which it cannot wisely share. I have just written a note to DHS which will come to your desk. Perhaps I misunderstand your plans. No foundation would ever be allowed by public opinion to get too close to activities which had to do with the shaping of government objectives. What you call "the traditional beliefs about democracy" - and the necessity of modifying them - represent an area which a foundation could, with impunity, touch only indirectly, if at all. This is not logical, but we are not living in a logical world; and your plan (if I understand it) strikes me as having the defect of being too logical. We'll talk about this later.

RBF