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I wish to express my profound appreciation and the gratitude of the American Government for the prompt aid and invaluable assistance rendered in rescuing American survivors of the S.S. Athenia by the personnel of the Norwegian vessel S.S. Knute Nelson, of the Swedish vessel S.S. Southern Cross, and by the British Navy.

I also wish to extend our sincere thanks to those officials and private persons in Eire and Scotland who have shown the utmost kindness and thoughtful aid to the survivors since they arrived at their ports.

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