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Unconditional Surrender

I did not have a chance yet to respond to the reprint from PHR, for which thank you. May I also ask of you a copy of your paper in Pol Sci Q. 1975?

only a couple of small comments:

1) How well do you believe our leaders foresaw Hirohito's role in Japanese politics? How good was our intelligence about internal Japanese politics? Was not FDR captured by undiscriminating images of the "Japs" after Pearl Harbor, kamikazes etc...?

2) Perhaps you underestimate the autonomy and momentum of the field commands (vs. Washington) in the conduct of war. It would have been very difficult for Truman

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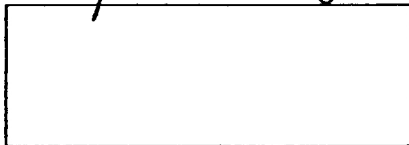
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TO:

to give ~~him~~ the air actions against  
Japan on a time scale of days. He must  
have been greatly relieved at being able to  
retain control of the nuclear deployments!

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Have you thought much about  
"Unconditional Surrender" in Europe.  
I was most uneasy (at age 18) about  
Casablanca, the Morgenthau plan, etc.  
as they happened, and have, I believe,  
read all of the major works from Kees-  
Remetz on. None of the apologies for  
UC policy appear very satisfactory to me  
either as normative or descriptive  
accounts. Soviet interest & activity  
in influencing our policy in particular.



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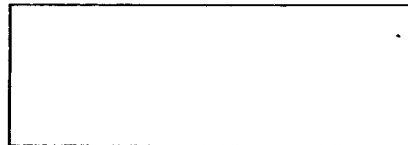
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has hardly been looked at. (Kim Philby  
did drop a cryptic line about dissemi-  
nation concerning the anti-Hitler  
resistance in Germany.)

Have you thought of taking this  
on? Or do you point to an existing  
work that satisfies you -- if so what?

Yours



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