

President Roosevelt's message on October 11, 1939

FOR STEINHARDT:

Please present informally the following message to President Kalinin:

The President of the United States sends his greetings to President Kalinin with the following personal message:

While the United States is taking no part in existing controversies in Europe, he wishes to call attention to the long and deep friendship which exists between the United States and Finland. He feels that he can call this to the attention of president Kalinin because of our joint efforts a number of years ago which resulted in the resumption of friendly relationships between Soviet Russia and the United States.

There are many American citizens of Finnish descent and the nation as a whole has a very special friendship for Finland. Therefore, the President expresses the hope that Soviet Russia will make no demands on your Government which are incompatible with the independence, integrity and vital interests of that Republic.

The President feels sure that you and your Government will understand the friendly suggestion of this message and extends to you his highest considerations.
