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Dear Paul:

Everybody, as we say in America, wants to get into the act sooner or later. So it is that after writing a feature recently on the search for a European flag, I began to think of various ideas which may be useful to you. I send them herewith (free of charge) for your inspection. I am also enclosing some sketches on the theory that these are at least as good as some of these depicted in your brochure, and I hereby enter them in the Great Contest.

As you will see, there are basically two ideas. One is the so-called Star of Liberation used on Allied vehicles in the last war with the Strasbourg shield in the upper lefthand corner. The other is the Strasbourg shield surrounded by small stars. The third puts both ideas on the same flag.

Having a star for each member may be useful, I think, in having each country identify itself with the flag.

I used two background colors--green and blue. Green, because that seems to have been accepted generally as the council color (as well as for the Prophet and Hope). Blue, because I think blue-white-red is still the most attractive combination.

I heard your program New Years eve and thought it pretty good

(your voice certainly had a happy lilt to it). It almost made me homesick

for the Blue Boys of the Maison Rouge.

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