**Document A: The Iron Curtain Speech** (Modified)

*Former Prime Minister of England Winston Churchill, March 1946, Fulton, Missouri.*

 I need to tell you about what is happening in Europe.

An iron curtain has descended across Europe. Behind that line are all the capitals of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest; all these famous cities and the people around them are under Soviet (Russian)control.

In a lot of countries, far from Russia and throughout the world, secret Communist groups have been made and work together from directions they receive from the Communists in Russia.

I do not think that Soviet Russia wants war. What they want is the expansion of Communism throughout the world.

While there is still time we have to think about the permanent prevention of war and the creation of conditions of freedom and democracy as fast as possible in all countries.

**Document B: The Truman Doctrine Speech** (Modified)

*President of the United States Harry Truman, delivered to the U.S. Congress, March 1947*

Greece has asked the United States for economic help. Greece needs money for food, clothing, and fuel.

Greece is threatened by thousands of armed terrorists, led by Communists, who defy the government's authority. Greece needs our help to become a self-supporting democracy. The United States must help them. No other nation is willing and able to provide the support for a democratic Greek government.

If we look at a map, we realize that the survival of the Greek nation is very important to the entire world. If Greece should fall under the control of the Communists, Turkey would be next. If we don’t help Greece and Turkey, those problems will spread to us in the West.

The free people of the world look to us for support in maintaining their freedoms. If we fail in our leadership, there will not be peace in the world, and the United States will be in danger.

**Document C: Soviet Ambassador Telegram** (Modified)

*Excerpt from a telegram sent by Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Novikov to Soviet Leadership in September 1946*

The foreign policy of the United States is imperialist and capitalist, and shows that they want to control the world. President Truman is saying that the United States has the right to lead the world.

The Americans use their military as well as their industry and science to try to rule the world. This is why the Americans are building military bases all over the Earth, and why they are building more and more atomic weapons.

During WWII, American leaders decided to get into the war at the last minute. This way, at the end of the war, they would be able to have control over other countries that were damaged in the war.

The United States thought that the other countries would be weakened by the war, and the United States would be the most powerful country in deciding what was going to happen in the world after the war.

**Document D: Henry Wallace** (Modified)

*Letter from Vice President Henry A. Wallace to President Harry Truman, July 23, 1946.*

I am worried about what has been happening in the world after WWII.

How do American actions appear to other nations? We keep building and testing atomic bombs, we are arming Latin America with our weapons, and we are building air bases over half the world from which the other half of the world can be bombed. I think these actions make it look to the rest of the world as if we do not really want peace.

These actions make it look like we are preparing to win a war that we think must happen, or that we are trying to build up a military to intimidate all of mankind.

The fact that we keep trying to make other countries in Eastern Europe into democracies will make the Russians think that we are trying to surround them so that we can destroy them. Also, it will be difficult because democracy has never existed in those countries.