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SUBJECT: Observations on the Bill of Rights Day
(At the Request of Mr. Potter)

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The concept of the day: The concept underlying the celebration of this day includes a number of elements on the basis of which the name of the day, the slogans employed, etc., should be determined. The concept is complex, having at least three elements:

1. The day is a solemn commemoration of our Bill of Rights.
2. Because of our declaration of war, it is an occasion to signal the coalescence of all our military, economic and cultural forces hitherto somewhat lacking a common directive.
3. It is an occasion on which we dedicate ourselves to the fight ahead of us for the freedoms in which we believe.

The function of this day is to signalize the unification of these three elements. This fusion is like the psychological moment in ^a football game when a superior team, which in previous plays has been disorganized,

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calmly and solemnly comes together, suddenly united, sensing anew their traditions, each member pledged to teamwork in the fight ahead. It is like many occasions in the lives of individuals and groups-- a moment when unity and integration emerge from prior disorganization, when ideals are discovered to be worth fighting for, when an irrevocable decision to fight is made.

The name of the day: Because the concept of the day is complex, it is difficult to find a name for it. The term "Dedication Day" has been suggested but this seems to carry an emotional connotation associated with Decoration Day. The word does, however, carry a meaning not unlike that which the concept implies, signifying that individuals and groups now dedicate themselves to fight for those rights which they honor. Perhaps "National Dedication Day" or "American Dedication Day" may enlighten and give uniqueness to the occasion. Perhaps somebody can think of a better name to cover the concept.

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Slogans: Here are a few slogans that we have thought of, each of which tries to embody some of the elements of the concept. Some of them have been taken, with modification, from President Roosevelt's speech.

Four to One for Freedom!

Right Shall Rule!

Fight for the Right!

Win for Freedom!

Unite for Right and Might!

Build for Freedom!

Right makes Might!

Down Axis, Up Freedom!