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The Department of State has transmitted to former Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, the following message from Gunnar Jahn, President of the Nobel Committee:

"The Nobel Committee of the Storting has the honor to inform you that the Committee has awarded to you the Nobel Peace Prize for 1945. The amount of the prize is about 121,000 Swedish crown. Letter follows. The Committee invites you to come to Oslo to receive the prize on December 10. Will you please inform it whether you can come."

Mr. Hull has sent the following reply to Gunnar Jahn, President of the Nobel Committee:

"I have received your message stating that the Nobel Committee of the Storting has awarded to me the Nobel Peace Prize for 1945. I have been deeply moved by this great honor — one of the greatest that can come to anyone anywhere.

"Enduring world peace, based on justice and fair-dealing, is mankind's sole hope for the survival of our modern civilization. There is no cause more worthy of utmost human effort. I am particularly happy that whatever contribution I have been able to make to that precious cause has received this mark of recognition from the statesmen of a country which itself has done so much toward the advancement of world peace.

"It is a matter of keen disappointment to me that the present state of my health renders it virtually impossible for me to go to Oslo on December 10 to receive the prize. Please express to the Committee my most sincere appreciation and my profound regret that I shall be unable to avail myself of an opportunity to express in person my gratitude to them for their generous action."

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