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Mr. Stelios Allamanis, former member of the Greek Parliament and Minister of Education (1950-1967), now on a private visit in the USA, has issued the following statement on the death of President Truman:

The Greek people always remember those who stood on their side during their liberations struggle of the last one hundred and fifty years. And they do not forget those who put obstacles in the effort to conquer and safeguard the independence of our small Kingdom. ^{And} to keep a free and democratic public life.

Truman was the greatest benefactor of Greece among the leaders of our Allies and at a critical juncture of our national life. He took action in support of the Greek people and for the interests of the free world, thus demonstrating rare statesmanship.

He took timely and decisive action. And Greece was saved, at the last moment, fighting heroically, from the imminent danger of a Communist tyranny.

As a Greek citizen and a former Member of the Parliament and a Cabinet Minister in democratically elected Governments, I express my deepest sorrow at the passing of the President. I also declare that the Greek people are grateful to Him and to the American people.

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