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April 17, 1946.

American Friends Service Committee,
20 South Twelfth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friends:--

I have just shipped you by freight six cartons of clothing for European relief, 200 pounds.

Unfortunately I could not find the address to which clothing should be sent, and so I addressed the stuff to 20 South Twelfth. My guess is that these are not the first packages that have been so addressed, and that the man who delivers the stuff from the freight office will know where to take it, or you can tell him. I am enclosing a duplicate bill of lading.

I wished that I could have sent this clothing by express so that it would have reached you sooner, but I could not stand the expense -- it would have cost in the neighborhood of \$25.00, and that was more than my meager resources would stand. Indeed paying the freight brought me so close to the bottom of the barrel that I almost got slivers under my fingernails.

Conscience is a dangerous and expensive thing. Just because I was interested in the sufferers across the sea and did not keep my mouth shut, I've had to work for nearly a month now on this community-wide relief campaign. And the American Friends Service Committee is not going to get as much from it as I had hoped, for the Methodists and the Lutherans and a number of the other churches are sending most of their funds and some of them all, through their own denominational agencies.

With the hope that these clothes we are sending may be of real help to a goodly number of the needy across the water,

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.