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September 29, 1946.

Sumner A. Mills,
Foreign Service Section,
American Friends Service Committee,
20 South Twelfth Street,
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friend:--

We are just home from the morning meeting at the Friends church here, where I took the offering for relief across the seas. We took something over \$1,000.00 in cash and pledges, mostly in cash though a few, like ourselves, have to wait a bit till there is some more income before we can turn our pledges into cash. I suppose there will be some additions to this from people who were not present at this service, though not so much as there was last spring, for more of the larger givers went their limit this time. Before we started the gifts at \$50.00 each, and one Friend after went to the treasurer and added another \$50.00. This year -- I mean this fall, for the two offerings came the same year -- we started at \$100.00, getting two gifts of that size.

The information you sent was just what I needed, and I used that which I thought most telling again this morning. Last Sunday I just read your letter to the folks, and I am sure it made a deep impression on them.

One woman has given our local service committee a nice lot of clothing left by her daughter, who was killed in an auto accident some time ago while going to work. She wants these garments to go to Holland. A member of our local committee suggested that they be sent through the local Methodist minister, who is himself a Hollander and has been sending the Methodist gifts to parts of that country with which he is familiar. I assured this member of the committee that you could see to it that the clothes went to Holland, and there was no need for them to go otherwise than through the American Friends Service Committee. If I was wrong in this, correct me quickly. I do not mean that we have our work organized in Holland as in Germany necessarily, but I understand that the AFSC is so related to other organizations that you can turn any such gifts to any part of western Europe.

Sincerely yours,

Levi T. Pennington.