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April 17, 1947.

Mrs. Alex Ross,  
General Delivery,  
McMinnville, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Ross:--

The air-mail reply to my air-mail letter of inquiry about the possibility of your sending a heifer to a particular family has just arrived, and I hasten to tell you the result of the inquiry.

It is, as I had supposed, impossible for the Heifer Project Committee, the national organization handling this campaign, to undertake to deliver heifers to designated individuals. They write:

"We can appreciate the interest this lady has for the need of the family in Holland. However, it has been the policy of the Heifer Project Committee to send animals to the countries of greatest need regardless of race, creed or political affiliation. The distribution of each heifer is made by members of a local committee in the country to which the shipment is made and a representative of the Heifers Project Committee. The recipient in that area is selected on the basis of need and his ability to care for the animal."

The letter goes on to speak of the situation in various countries, and says that most of the calls from Holland are for food and clothing, while in Poland and other countries of Europe the need for cattle to supply milk is the greatest need. Poland, for instance, lost nine out of ten of her cattle.

The next shipment is to go to Poland, I am informed. I wish you could see your way clear to make a gift of a heifer to some Polish family, in a sense in the name of these Holland people in whom you are so much interested. Perhaps you know that each animal shipped will have as an ear tag a little metal tube in which is a bit of paper giving the name and address of the donor, and there is room for a brief message on the paper, which is of onion-skin quality, one inch wide and six inches long. There would be room for your name and address, and a statement that you are sending this heifer in the name of this family who were so good to the son you lost in the war. Then you could tell this Holland family what you have done, and it would be a great blessing to them to know that their kindness to your son is bearing fruit in another land in the saving of the lives of children in that other country.

With hearty appreciation of your desire to help the folks in whom you naturally feel such keen interest, and with the hope that this kindness may be passed on to some others, since it seems impossible to reach the ones in whom you are most interested, I am

Sincerely yours,

Levi T. Pennington.