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## Pennington to Edith Moor, April 11, 1948

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April 11, 1948.

Mrs. Edith Moor,  
R.F.D. 1,  
Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

The Service Committee of Newberg Monthly Meeting met this afternoon, and considered, among other things, the proposal to send individual packages to designated persons in Europe, as many people and some meetings are doing.

A number of the members of the committee had looked into the matter of individual gifts. There are many cases where folks over here have relatives across the water, or have friends over there with whose conditions they are familiar, and it is natural that in such cases individual packages should be sent. But a given sum of money handled by the American Friends Service Committee, for instance, will provide approximately three times as much actual food for the hungry folks overseas, and we feel that we ought to feed as many as we can, and so the committee felt that we must continue to favor the method that would go farthest toward meeting the need over there.

It is not hard to see why a big organization can get more food per dollar into the mouths of the suffering peoples overseas. They buy at wholesale and in great quantities and at the most favorable places. If we send packages from here, we buy in small quantities, pay a higher price by far, pay transportation across the continent, and then a high rate across the seas. One dollar contributed through the American Friends Service Committee will feed three where a dollar in packages will feed only one.

This meeting, as I suppose you know, has given thousands of dollars for overseas relief during the past two years, in addition to contributions of clothing which have aggregated tons. The decision of the committee was not based on lack of care for individual cases, but on our desire to do as much as we can to relieve the hunger and suffering across the water.

Sincerely your friend,

Rebecca Pennington,  
Chairman Newberg Service Committee.