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April 17, 1946.

Edward B. Peacock,
Japan Secretary,
American Friends Service Committee,
20 South Twelfth Street,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Friend:--

This letter is from a man who hopes he is not fanatical in his belief in any one form of relief for the suffering peoples across both oceans, but who is convinced that the sending of heifers and milk goats is one of the best forms of relief yet devised. If I am wrong in that, I wish somebody would set me right.

You know, of course, of the offer of the United States Army to provide free transportation for 2000 goats for Japan and 1000 heifers for Europe. This offer makes this particular form of relief seem all the more desirable to some of us who, while thoroughly loyal to the American Friends Service Committee and working with it in every way possible, are still eager to help in every other way we can, and who find that there are many people to whom this more permanent form of relief appeals who are not nearly so much impressed with the mere sending of food, which is soon consumed, and then more must be supplied, while the heifer or goat continues to supply food year after year, and adds from time to time to the number of milk producers.

I have been informed that there is an effort to interest the Friends Service Committee in Hawaii in this effort to aid Japan, and that the decision as to whether this form of relief is to be adopted in part may depend on your judgment in the matter. You know a lot more about it than I do, but if it is half as good as I think it is, I hope you will encourage it.

Homer L. and Edna Morris were with us recently, and they seemed pleased that in six months of active work the Oregon Branch of the American Friends Service Committee had raised over \$23,000.00, of which \$17,000.00 had gone for relief, and in addition had sent over 17,000 pounds of clothing. We have sent tons of it through the local service committee, of which my wife is chairman, and in addition have raised some pretty substantial sums for relief in cash, besides helping in the Heifers-for-Relief campaign. There were perhaps half a dozen "Quaker" heifers in the first carload we shipped. I don't know how many goats Friends have been responsible for.

With best wishes for every form of relief the AFSC is promoting, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.