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Mrs. Lamar,
Woman's Committee,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Lamar:-

Ever since our talk on Saturday, I have been trying to write you. I feared that I must have seemed to have lacked understanding and sympathy. The truth is, I have been so distressed and bewildered by the Committee situation that I have not been able to see my own way clear and so I have not dared to express a judgment about anybody else's way.

With every personal reason for resigning, I still am fairly sure that when it comes to a pinch, I shall not do it. I cannot yet make it seem right to myself to leave the Committee after I am asked to go on. As far as I can see, everything would go to pieces in the War Programme if people did not hang on through everything until their superiors removed them.

I wish you could see your way to remain, but I have the greatest confidence in your judgment and your sense of duty, and I know that if you feel that you should resign, that it is the right thing for you. I know you that you would not do it purposely for reasons that you felt were unanswerable. However, I hope against hope my dear Mrs. Lamar, that you may be able to stay on. I have told you and I have said it to Mr. Gifford, Mr. Clarkson and others that I have felt that you have served the Committee steadily, and nobody has worked so hard for it.

I do not think I shall go down this week. I don't believe I could stand it and I don't believe that I would be of any use and beside I am overwhelmed with work here. Whatever happens, my dear Mrs. Lamar, believe me, you have my profound confidence and sympathy.

Affectionately yours,

E. C.