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Mr. D. M. Reynolds,
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Council of National Defense,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

You will think I am a very neglectful chief. The outline that I promised to send you for the first article for our new bulletin has been put entirely out of my mind by the very serious illness of my only brother. I have been obliged not only to help see that he is properly taken care of, but to look after his business. I cannot even think of the work in Washington, under the circumstances, nor do I know when I shall be able to.

I promised Miss Nims to write her a letter to send out with her bibliography. One should be written, but somebody else will have to do it. Will you be good enough to tell Miss Nims the circumstances?

It looks from this enclosure as if there was already a publication called "National Defense." You better look into it.

Very sincerely yours,

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