U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CHILDREN'S BUREAU
WASHINGTON

August 29, 1930.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter of August 26, addressed to the Children's Bureau has been referred to me.

5,516,690
7,764,232
13,270,922

The total of the funds appropriated by Congress for the bureau's work from 1913 to 1931 is $5,516,690. The total made available by Congress under the Sheppard-Towner Act for allotment to the States from 1922 to 1929 was $7,764,232. The amount actually accepted by the States during this period was $6,482,583.41. The balance was turned back to the Treasury.

Your letter mentions "the total amount from the States". It was not quite clear to me whether you intended the total amount for the States or the amounts appropriated by the States to match the Federal funds. The table on pages 2 and 3 of the Annual Report of the Chief of the Children's Bureau shows the amounts accepted by the States and Hawaii. The amount which the separate States appropriated to match Federal funds can be found by deducting $5,000 from the amount shown for each State, since $5,000 was granted outright to each State and only the balance over and above this amount had to be matched dollar for dollar. As a matter of fact I think some of the States appropriated more money than was necessary for maternity and infancy work but, of course, this did not entitle them to more than their share of Federal money. If I have not made this clear and if there is any additional information that you want, please let me know.

I inclose a leaflet on the Children's Bureau giving a table of appropriations.

Very sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Randolph Shirley

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