August 19, 1920

Mr. Herbert M. Shenton,
Director, Council of National Defense,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Shenton:

I have your letter of August 2nd and a copy of the report of the Women's Committee. I have not had a chance to look over the latter, but I feel sure from what I know of Mrs. Blair that it is a satisfactory interpretation of the work.

You are good enough to say that you would be pleased to mail copies to persons that I may designate. Will you kindly send copies to

Mrs. Aline Wilkes, Bethel, Conn., R.F.D.#25
The Pen and Brush, 134 E. 19 St., New York City
Mrs. Gertrude M. Shelby, %Pen & Brush, 132 E. 19 St., New York City
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Later, I may ask you for a few more copies.

I had a little correspondence a few months ago with Mr. Elsworth in regard to a flag that had been prepared by two Armenian women, the Osdan sisters of Cairo, Egypt, and sent to the women of America through the Woman's Committee. The letter transmiting it was forwarded to me by Mr. Clarkson, as vice-chairman, as it was received after Dr. Shaw's death. I heard nothing of the flag and accordingly wrote to Cairo. I havejust received in reply the enclosed letter .

It seems to me that if the Council of National Defense still has a being and a roof tree that this flag ought to be in the Woman's section under that roof tree. I should say it must be now in the State Department. Would not this letter be sufficient authority for your rescuing it? It of course should not go to me as the ladies seem to think it might. What I might do, and will try to find time to do, is to write a little article about the whole incident, putting in a little more material that I have on these brave Armenian women. I wish you would let me know if you don't think that the flag is worth following up.

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