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Dear Mr. Aldrich:

I am writing to you about an organization - the Foreign Language Information Service - in which I am deeply interested.

As you know, conditions abroad are emphasizing, often with tragic urgency, the value of American citizenship and the need of national unity.

Our population includes millions of people who, as a result of foreign birth or descent, have close ties with the nations at war. The trustees of the Service, of which I am one, feel that at this time it ought to increase its work for the American education and adjustment of those in our population not yet fully integrated and for a larger measure of tolerance and inter-group understanding. We are hoping, frankly, to enlist your interest and support to this end.

The enclosed map of the foreign language press shows one of the means through which the Service is interpreting American institutions and ideals to the foreign born throughout the country, and the enclosed leaflet explains the general aims and activities of the organization.

As a result of personal knowledge, I can heartily endorse its work. I hope you may feel inclined to help us carry on and extend the job of education and understanding on which the Service is engaged. Any contribution you may wish to make will be gratefully received and effectively used.

Very sincerely yours

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