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COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

WASHINGTON

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
1614 N STREET NW.

August 13, 1918

My dear Miss Tarbell,

Your letter of the 8th which has not been answered earlier for I had no news regarding the matters our Committee had presented to the Council altho' I have had a prolonged discussion with Mrs. Clarkson and he and I had an interview with the Secretary of War last Saturday. Now the reply from the Council has come!

Dr. Shaw wrote the letter to the Secretary which was authorized at our Monday morning meeting. I have not the carbon but it contained only the statements authorized to wit: that the Committee adhered to its proposition of June 26 as offering the best solution of its difficulties but understanding this suggestion did not meet with approval of the Council considered the amalgamation plan the only possible alternative. The

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then urged that the matter be decided as speedily as possible.

I will take up with Mrs Wilkes the matter of sending out a news story on the letter to the Queen of Belgium.

Thank you for thoughtful concern for me personally. Formally I have quite recovered from the slight attack I had and am again quite well in spite of hot weather and the uncertainty of affairs

Sincerely yours

Hannah J. Patterson

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