

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

WASHINGTON

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WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
1014 H STREET NW.

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your recent letter was received yesterday, but happens at this moment to be in the Connecticut Avenue office, but I think it contained only one question of importance.

The recommendations for increases in salary went to the Council in September, but no action was taken upon any of them because the Council was running on a deficit. Action has now been taken, however, and I am informed by the Office Management Section that Mrs. Blair's salary was adjusted as we had agreed upon. There was no misunderstanding about the matter; there was simply a delay caused by the financial condition of the Council.

I received word this morning that Doctor Shaw will return to Washington on Saturday. I think the next meeting of the Woman's Committee will be called for November 25th, but as soon as Doctor Shaw returns, we will telegraph the members of the Committee stating the date definitely.

I am interested in your experience in the gasoline business. Any kind of concrete business sounds very attractive to me at the present moment.

I am looking every day for word of advice from you with regard to my recent letter asking your opinion of Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Simons as possible Regional Directors at large for the Field Division. You know more of Mrs. Becker than any of us do.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel J. Patterson
Resident Director

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