JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

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Mr. George Creel,
Bureau of Public Information,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Creel :

I am very much ashamed to have to write you from an hospital, but here I am ! and here they tell me I must stay for some weeks longer. I am, of course, disappointed not to be able to go ahead with the organization of our Publicity Department of the Woman's Committee as I had expected to do.I think, however, we are getting on.

What I am wanting you to do is to give a little thought to Mrs. Taylor and how she can best be used. We have of course regarded her as your representative at the Woman's Committee. She has always had full access to all the material that came in. She has always treated the material from the point of view of the daily newspaper; her idea being to get news items. We have always been doubtful about this being the best use to be made of the material; but as I understood that it was what your editors wanted, I of course did not object.

I have encouraged Mrs. Taylor to write some special articles. I think there is a good deal of material that would lend itself to syndicate publication. I feel pretty sure that there could be occasional articles fit for farm papers.

What I want to suggest here is that Mrs. Taylor's editorial chief give a little direct attention himself to her work. Possibly I am wrong in feeling that these items that she sends in are not the best for your purpose. I leave it entirely to you.

I cannot be her editor, of course. We want to do everything to help her both for our own sake and yours.I feel quite certain that Mrs. Taylor should have more editorial help from your Bureau than she was getting when I went away. I think this is only fair to her. She is a hard-working little woman; she has not been well.She needs all the co-operation and help that can be given her. Possibly, my dear Mr. Creel, it would be just as well that Mrs. Taylor should not know about this letter though I am perfectly willing that she should, for it is written

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really in her interest as much as ours; but because she is not very well and she is sensitive.

I would like to suggest too that it seemed to me that it would not be a bad idea of Mrs. Taylor spent part of her day at your headquarters. She would be more in touch with your needs there. Of course, we expect that she shall have a desk at your place.

Very sincerely yours,

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