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Dear Mr. Carter:

I got your letter of the 28th inst. telling me you are once more on the warpath. It is always difficult to refuse you anything, and I am pleased to be able to tell you that we will be giving you the advertisement asked for. Our Advertising Department will take it up directly with your paper.

This time, however, instead of being thankful you may regret having approached me on the subject. No doubt for my sins, I was asked the other day to become Chairman of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, which is the licensed agency in this country for the collection of funds for war relief to Dutch citizens. I don't know how it was that in sending out a personal appeal before the Queen Wilhelmina Fund could get organized for their campaign, I came to omit you, but I am glad that I now have an opportunity of correcting this omission.

The Queen Wilhelmina Fund had a campaign about a year and a half ago. The funds then collected have practically been exhausted in providing relief to those affected by war conditions. You will appreciate that after recent events in the Pacific there is an additional large number of people from the Netherlands who will require help, and I hope we may be able to collect sufficient funds to meet the more urgent needs.

Though both Holland and their eastern colonies for the moment have been lost, they are still in the war. The Dutch Navy is still working with the other navies around England and in the Far East. Holland also has got about 2 million tons of mercantile shipping which is operating in the services of the United Nations. I don't think really I need to plead the Netherlands' cause. I think most people appreciate that they are doing their bit.

In writing you as I do I am not so much thinking of asking you for a direct contribution. I am wondering whether you might not be willing to undertake to take charge of a short campaign in that part of Texas, where you more or less reign supreme. If you or some of your friends would be willing to do this, needless to say I would

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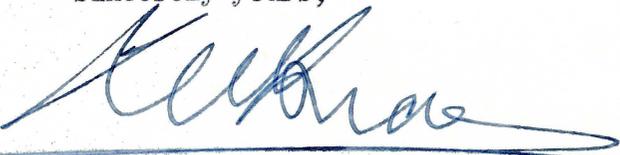
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be very grateful indeed, and I could then arrange for the organization here to send you the necessary material.

Will you let me know how you feel about it?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. G. Carter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

