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Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 30, 1915.

Miss M. Widegren,

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Stockholm, Sweden.

Dear Madam:-

From the moment Mr. Ford realized that the world situation demands immediate action, if we do not want the war fire to spread any further, he joined those international forces which are working toward ending this unparalleled catastrophe. This he recognized as his human duty.

For sixteen months the people of the world have waited for the governments to act; have waited for governments to lead Europe out of its unspeakable agony and suffering and to prevent Europe's entire destruction.

We cannot wait any longer.

In order that their sacrifice may not have been in vain humanity owes it to the millions of men led like cattle to the slaughter house, that a supreme effort be made to stop this wicked waste of life.

The people of the belligerent countries did not want the war. The people did not make it. The people want peace. The world looks to us, the people of neutral countries, to lead in ideals. The greatest mission ever before the world is ours.

This is why we appeal to you, on behalf of Mr. Ford, to join the peace pilgrimage.

Men and women of the United States of America, representing all of its ideals and all of its activities, started from New York on the 4th of December aboard the Scandinavian-American Steamship Oscar II. A delegation from Norway will join us at Copenhagen. Here, in Stockholm, we hope the expedition will be reinforced by the best of Sweden's sons and daughters. The pilgrimage will

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then proceed to Copenhagen where further harbingers of peace will be forgathered.

These various groups will add such momentum to the peace mission that when the pilgrims reach The Hague, with its achievements of international justice and comity, the moral power of the peace movement will be irresistible. In The Hague we hope to meet delegations from Switzerland and from Spain.

From all these various delegations will be selected a small deliberative body which shall sit in one of the neutral capitals in Europe. Here it will be joined by a limited number of authorities on international relations from each belligerent country, who shall act in the capacity of associates to the neutral conference. The Conference will forthwith proceed to formulate tentative proposals for peace, based on justice for all, regardless of the military situation, and will submit them simultaneously to all of the belligerents.

This International Conference will be an agency for continuous mediation. It will be dedicated to the stoppage of this hideous international carnage and further dedicated to the prevention of future wars through the abolition of competitive armaments.

In case of a governmental call for an official neutral conference before our conference starts its work, our party will place our united strength solidly behind those entrusted by the governments to carry on the peace negotiations.

In The Hague the Peace Pilgrimage will disband. Accommodations will be provided for each one back to his home.

Acting for Mr. Ford, we respectfully beg of you to respond to the call of humanity and join the consecrated

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spirits who have already signified a desire to help make history in a new way. The people of the belligerent countries cry out to you.

Yours for peace,

THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION

By Louis P. Lochner, Secretary