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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Chairman, University Committee  
National War Fund and Community Chest.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I received your mimeographed request to serve on the University Committee for this War Fund and Community Chest campaign.

I am not a good solicitor anyway, but aside from that, in this particular case I could not be of sufficient service to the campaign, as it seems to be planned.

Naturally I am thoroughly in sympathy with the idea behind it all, and intend to help out financially to the limit of my resources; but I do not like the way this thing is being done this time at all.

I do not think that the Community Chest and the National so-called War Fund should be combined. I also do not see any way for an individual contributor to state where or how he should like his own money to go--that is to what particular organizations. I think that is not only his right, but is an essential part of a proper solicitation campaign.

Hitherto, in my own case, for instance, I have been glad to assist various of the organizations and groups (both in the Community Chest group, and others in what are now included in the War Fund group) but I have not been in entire sympathy with the policies or methods of spending of certain other organizations, and I think I have a right to differentiate among them.

Not to have this privilege is to spoil the whole idea and morale building effect of such a charity campaign, and turn it into just another form of general tax.

I may be mistaken in this assumption of mine, but it<sup>is</sup> what I gather from conversation, and the form of the contribution card you sent me. If I am mistaken, please let me know, for I would not want to have a false impression. At any rate you see I would not make a good solicitor! So please excuse me from that duty, which otherwise would have been a privilege.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph M. Kellogg