

January 7, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott
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Dear Chancellor Malott:

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd instant suggesting that we look into the bill presented in October before the House of Representatives to promote national preparedness and the national welfare through appropriation of funds to assist the several States and Territories in making adequate provisions for health education, physical education, and recreation in schools and school camps.

May I say that I was called to Chicago at the request of the Hedart Manufacturing Company, the Narragansett Machine Company and the Porter Equipment Company to consult with them and other physical education leaders on this bill.

Doubtless you realize as I do that when anything like this starts all the corporations immediately get busy and try to shape a bill to the liking of their own situation. This is always the tough part of any war. Instead of going into it from a strictly patriotic motive, most of these individuals have an axe to grind and immediately begin singing "God Bless America" but bless me first with patronage.

The corporations paid my railroad fare and expenses, but I said some things to them that perhaps caused them to believe that I was thinking more of the youth and manhood of our country than I was of their manufactured product. Of course, they wanted to shape legislation so they would be in on the kill.

You are exactly right to my way of thinking. We would much rather save our ammunition with Congressmen for legislation of vital consequence to us.

However, I do want to thank you for calling my attention to this because many times I miss the boat unless someone gives me warning, but in this case I had already reserved passage.

Sincerely yours,

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