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March 20, 1944.

Mr. Byron T. Shutz,
Campaign Chairman,
Red Cross Headquarters,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Shutz:

I am writing you regarding the Hercules and the Ordnance Company contribution at DeSoto. The Kansas City, Missouri, contribution of Hercules, according to Mr. J. M. Ferren, is \$489.00. There is a \$10. contribution from Jackson County, Independence, Missouri, which makes a total of \$499.00.

There is a small amount from the Ordnance group. The amount is undetermined. Miss Eleanor Cavert, secretary to Captain Waterhouse, has this amount in her possession and will turn it over to you upon request.

Soon after our drive started March 1st I talked with Miss Cavert and she stated that she would contact these construction people, Lozier, Broderick and Gordon, and the Area Engineers. I asked that she call me back, which she stated that she would do. Apparently failing to get me at my office here at the University, she called the Red Cross office at the Community Building telling them that the construction people, L.B. and G., did not want a solicitation made. She stated the same situation was true for the Area Engineers. The Red Cross office called Mr. Wade Pierce, the president of the Douglas County chapter. Doubtless Mr. Pierce did not get the idea that this information was to be directed to me, and I never heard from Miss Cavert directly or indirectly. Had I received this message from Miss Cavert I would have immediately taken steps to contact these two organizations at DeSoto who apparently did not want to be bothered.

I expect to have a conference with Mr. Dolph Simons, who is in Ottawa today. Mr. Simons and Mr. Pierce and I will have a meeting as to what steps to take in regard to giving everybody in these organizations an opportunity to contribute to their respective counties in which they reside.

Mr. J. M. Ferren did a wonderful job in circularizing the Hercules Company and he has full information for you regarding your share if you care to contact him.

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman, Douglas County WarFund Drive.