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Dear Lady Militant:

Thanks for the card forwarded me from New York. You see, ✓ Miss Freeman and I are by no means through here at Washington. We are still putting in every ounce of our strength trying to defeat conscription, the Spy Bill and other vicious measures. We succeeded in getting a public hearing on the Spy Bill when our friends across the corridor - the Union vs. Militarism - had given up all hope. And, as Miss Addams can tell you, though in her modesty she probably won't, we cleaned 'em up and had the House Committee so badly mixed up that they granted us a second hearing. Meanwhile some of the newspapers got interested, and as the Spy Bill affects them, they began to make a holler. We therefore hope that the Bill will be properly amended - though you never can tell in these dark days.

Next we got busy on the conscription issue. After much ✓ pleading, Miss Freeman persuaded Chairman Dent to give us a hearing. The record thereof I am sending you under separate cover. Encouraged by this new triumph, we kept plugging away at our demand for a hearing before the Senate Committee. This hearing was at last granted us on Saturday. We had a corking good array of speakers. Of course, with the Administration lending its entire weight to conscription, we have not too much hope that our efforts will be successful. But we are doing our level best nevertheless.

I am glad to hear that Baldwin stirred things up a bit. Their group has practically taken over our program (from the enclosed you will see that we have left our name as before, but have re-defined our objects), but I am glad that they are pulling our way. Far be it from me to want to say that your group ought to join the I.P.F. in preference to the Union vs Militarism. I don't care who does a given job, provided the job is done. So please encourage the Chicago group to do all it can to make its work a success. And help us in our work also wherever you can.

My wife writes me that she will probably have to go to a sanitarium for a while to get cured of her rheumatism. I really feel that I must soon withdraw from the peace work for a while, and go in quest of a climate that will restore her health. I hope my friends won't call me a slacker. I have given all there is in me for the past three and a half years to the peace cause, and feel that I owe it to my family to find at least a suitable climate for us to live in, even though this means my temporary withdrawal from the peace work. Florida has been strongly recommended to me - so don't be surprised if you hear that we have gone in that direction!

Always loyally and faithfully yours,

(Louis P. Lochner)