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December 7, 1945

Mr. Ralph M. Darnell
Beacon Building
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Ralph:

I have your letter of the 4th instant on the back of the questionnaire which you so kindly filled out and returned to me.

I note what you have to say about the housing situation. It is a very perplexing problem today all over the country. Apparently, the war industry workers have, for the most part, remained where they were during wartimes, and now the veterans are returning and want to take their wives and sweethearts from the family fireside and establish new homes of their own. There are a lot of them, and they require a lot of housing.

I think the beginning of the trouble was when the Government undertook to regulate all business, and particularly the building trades and materials. Some of the bureaus went so far with this that they overlooked the fact that this increased demand would inevitably come, and at the same time they sent thousands of prefabricated houses to England, France and other remote parts of the earth with an utter disregard of the future welfare of our own citizens.

I am not one of those who wants to see national housing on any appreciable scale. Neither do I want to see federally controled housing any more than we absolutely have to have this regimentation to solve the dilemma that this New Deal crowd has forced upon us.

I am glad you wrote me about this situation. Your knowledge and information are dependable, and I appreciate your passing them on to me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Copied off the back of questionnaire

Ralph M. Darnell Co
Beacon Building
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dec. 4, 1945

Dear George:

Something should be done about the housing situation. Either the Government should make it possible for private builders to build, or they should provide housing for the returned veterans.

I am operating some 200 "Conversion Units" for the FPHA. I havent had a vacant apartment in weeks and the ones I do have, I am giving them to veterans only and turning others down.

The housing situation in Tulsa is 25% worse than it was when Douglas was going full blast and it's getting worse daily.

I just returned from a trip over Texas and it is the same way down there. Believe me, this housing situation is about the worst thing that confronts the U. S. right now.

I am not a builder, so I have no axe to grind about being unable to build houses.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

signed Ralph M. Darnell