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March 7, 1946.

Dr. and Mrs. Ruric M. Smith
2144 E. 30th Place
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma.

Dear Friends:

I have your letter of February 28th asking me to support the proposed British loan.

I have received a few other letters requesting me to support an appropriation for this loan. However, I recently sent Questionnaires indiscriminately to 40,000 people in my District asking them what I should do about this matter. They have answered over ten to one against my supporting the loan. Sentiment throughout the country, so far as I can find out, is overwhelmingly against the measure. What would you do under such circumstances?

Frankly I have never been convinced that we should make the loan. I am still open-minded on the subject and subject to conviction. I am afraid it will not be what the proponents say it will be. This is not the way our transactions with England have worked in the past and we certainly have a right to judge the future by the past. From what I can understand the British do not have any serious hopes that we will make them the loan.

With kindest peesonal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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Hon. George Schwabe
House of Representatives
United States Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

My husband and I hope you will support the British Loan when it comes before you for consideration.

Since American prosperity and free enterprise depends on an expanding world trade and an opportunity to export our farm products and manufactures, we cannot afford to deny Great Britain this loan. If we do not loan her this money, what can she do but tighten controls throughout the sterling area and give preferential treatment to all trade within the British empire? That would mean a return to economic warfare. As the New York Herald Tribune said, "The world would become divided into small economic regions, bureaucratically controlled, and no amount of speech-making about free enterprise would then save free enterprise."

The British Loan is an investment by the United States to restore and perpetuate that system of world trade in which we believe.

Please vote for the British Loan.

Cordially yours,

Helen M. Smith

Dr. and Mrs. Ruric W. Smith