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June 5, 1946

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Mr. F. Wiltse 2012 South Yorktown Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your letter asking me to consider favorably the passage of the Loan to Britain. I am delighted that you srote me, and I always appreciate knowing the views of my constituents on controversial issues. A Congressman sometimes finds himself in a difficult position on these matters for unfortunately, since his constituents often take opposing views naturally, he cannot agree with them all. I therefore, felt that the fair thing to do was to obtain as accurate information as possible as to the opinion of the majority of the citizens of my district on the matter of the Loan to Britain. I therefore, mailed out 40,000 questionaires without regard to political affiliation; these questionaires were sent to all rural, star route and local box holders in small towns having no free mail delivery service; this list alone comprises 35,000 persons. Those which were mailed to cities having free delivery of mail, were addressed to names chosen at random from telephone directories. Experts in Washington, experienced in the taking of such polls, assured me mine was conducted in am most fair and impartial manner.

You will be interested to know that the results show that the people in my district are more than ten to one against the British loan. Judging from correspondence received not only from Oklahoma, but from all over the country the people of the United States are definitely against the British loan, the Russian lean, the Italian loan, the French loan or any other proposed loan to foreign governments.

Some have suggested that the real test would be to offer those who favor the British loan an opportunity to buy British Government I.O.U's out of their own funds. This would be a very different proposition from taking it off the taxpayers, and if you have thought it through, you will see that it means we will have to borrow the money. Uncle Sam will have to give his I.O.U. and pay interest on it, and then turn around and lend it to England, for many years without interest and over the entire period with a much lower rate of interest

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Tulsa, Oklahoma May 14,1946

Hon George B. Schwabe Congressman Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the hope that all possible will be done to pass the "British" Loan I am taking this means of appealing to you to consider it favorably and help in every way you possibly can to straighten out the situation that seems to prevail in Washington with reference to this loan.

It seems to be meeting with opposition which from my viewpoint would be cutting off the "proverbial nose" of our future welfare.

From every angle that it has been presented in anything I have been able to read or learn of this Loan, it is most essential for the making of the new world that we certainly must start to make, and wish to appeal to you to do what you can to see that this British Loan is passed.

Respectfully yours,

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