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Dear Jerome:

A part of yesterday afternoon I spent in Cambridge with Miss Sally Fairchild, who is, as you remember, much interested in the care of tuberculous soldiers in France. She had just received two cables from Mrs. Wharton - in fact, one came while I was in the house - which read, respectively, as follows:

"First house open inspected by War Ministry complete approval have offered us land near Paris."

"After conversation today with Sabine am convinced that whatever Rockefellers decide respecting our committee they will not take action for many months they still regard problem theoretically meanwhile the problem here increasingly desperate practically nothing French started numbers dying daily appeals to enter our sanatorium heart-rending strongly urge your asking Massachusetts Commission to act immediately and independently of Rockefellers."

I told Miss Fairchild that I had no authority in the premises, but that I felt sure nothing definite would be done until Warwick Greene's return some time this month, when the Foundation would have an opportunity to discuss a number of important questions with him and to receive the benefit of his personal experience and recommendations. I also expressed an opinion, again without authority, that if the Foundation were convinced of the need of a contribution for the tuberculous soldiers and were satisfied that a proper organization had been instituted for the distribution of the relief, their action would not be deferred "for many months" as suggested by Mrs. Wharton's second cable. I also expressed the view that I

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doubted very much whether Messrs. Carrel and Sabine and their French colleagues were as theoretical as Mrs. Wharton supposed.

The need of assistance for the tuberculous seems to be pressing, but on this and other subjects Warwick Greene can speak with authority.

Would it be worth while to get in touch with Dr. William H. Welch, who arrived last week on the Baltic?

Affectionately yours,

E. H. Mills

Mr. Jerome D. Greene,
Mount Desert, Maine.

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