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Dear Dr. Barton:

I have your letter of October 2. I should think it would be possible to use extracts from our report in such a way as to do good and no harm. Please feel at liberty to prepare for publication such material in our report as you think suitable, and send one copy to Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Jr. at 84 State Street, Boston, and one to me, so that we may give the final word before you go to press.

I am prepared to believe that the Armenian situation is positively the worst outcome of the war, infinitely worse than Belgium and a great deal worse than Poland for the simple reason that in neither of these areas was the extermination of a large population deliberately attempted. But how can money be effectively used in Turkey to protect citizens from their own Government? Is it not almost hopeless? I should be very glad to receive as concrete a statement as you can give of the ways in which it is possible to spend money effectively. I suppose your main reliance is on Ambassador Morgenthau. An appeal for money from him must mean that he sees good ways of spending it.

Sincerely yours,

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