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Dear Dr. Barton:

I have tried several times to reach you by telephone today, first to inquire more particularly about the situation in Turkey, and secondly, to let you know that the Rockefeller Foundation has appropriated Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for immediate use. This action has been taken on account of our confidence in the wisdom of the American Ambassador and of the representations of the American Board, but we feel at a great disadvantage in not being able to say more definitely how the money is used. The fact is, as I said in my last letter, that while the need is enormous, the conditions of rendering aid must be very difficult. Under these circumstances, one wishes to avoid giving rashly. It will be a great help in raising money in future for this need if you can get a very concrete statement of how the previous gifts have been spent.

It looks to me as if German malignity had reached its culmination in the Turkish situation for which the Germans are clearly responsible. If the facts could come home to the public as in the case of Belgium or the Lusitania, the feeling would be infinitely more intense.

Hoping that your brave and devoted people in Turkey

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Dr. Barton,

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will come safely through this great trial of their strength and  
courage, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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