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Rockefeller  
Foundation  
Recd. of Trust

July 1, 1909.

Dear Harold:

I enclose herewith a deed of trust which father signed before going to Cleveland in which he makes Mr. Gates, you and me, Trustees of a fund created for the purposes mentioned in the deed.

I may say to you that for the past two years we have been contemplating an organization of this sort. A charter substantially that embodied in the paper which I send you has been prepared and we are only waiting until the fall session of Congress to apply for such a national charter. Father has formed this trust in the meantime in order that he may turn over now the sums of money indicated.

That it will be desirable to do anything about an organization until this charter is secured, I do not at the moment anticipate. There will be nothing to do in the meantime but to receive the fund and arrange for its care. This Mr. Gates and I, as a majority of the Trustees, can do without troubling you for the present.

Current gifts to philanthropic work which father may desire to make can be made from this fund, but since father has the right to designate the uses to which the income shall be put concerted action on the part of more than a majority of the trustees will not be required.

I write to ask whether you will accept the appointment as one of the three trustees of this fund.

Looking forward to being associated with you in carrying out the purposes of this trust, I am,

Affectionately

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.