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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Recently we have had a number of requests in connection with projects dealing with birth control. The Committee on Maternal Health sent an appeal to the Rockefeller Foundation, which was referred to the Bureau of Social Hygiene, and Mrs. Margaret Sanger sent an appeal directly to the Bureau of Social Hygiene after a conference with me.

Both these requests were referred to Dr. Davis, who has made quite a study of the situation, and I am venturing to submit her reports herewith. In addition to these reports there is a vast accumulation of data which Dr. Davis included with her reports, but which I am not bothering you with.

Of course, this raises a very interesting question as to whether you could wisely contribute to movements of this kind. Personally, I believe that the problem of population constitutes one of the great perils of the future and if something is not done along the lines that these people are suggesting, we shall hand down to our children a world in which the scramble for food and the means of subsistence will be far more bitter than anything we know at present. Scientists are pointing hopefully to such methods as Mrs. Sanger and her associates are advocating, and these two organizations are doing their best to disseminate knowledge of contraceptive practices, as far as the present somewhat archaic law allows them to go.

Personally, I should like to see you make the contributions that Dr. Davis recommends. However, I realize that this is a delicate question which should be

thoroughly considered.

Very truly yours,

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