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Hon. James M. Mead, Chairman
Special Committee Investigating
The National Defense Program
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

According to the morning papers, our forces have the Ruhr district surrounded and they are going in and fighting house to house and street to street and this will get great numbers of our boys killed and wounded.

In another town, where there are no cartel factories like there are in the Ruhr, and which is being defended by young boys and girls, the Seventh Army has notified this town that if it did not surrender, the town and everything in it would be destroyed by bombing and artillery fire as an example to the rest of the towns (in which no cartel factories are located).

How long are these conditions going to be allowed to continue where we trade the lives of our boys to protect cartel factories? Who is behind this whole idea?

Respectfully,

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