

May 26, 1942

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss McKelvey:

I am extremely grateful for the material you sent me in connection with our booklet, **WOMEN AT WAR**.

As Mr. Weisberg may have told you, **WOMEN AT WAR** is being published as a contribution to the war effort, and is a non-profit enterprise. While it will sell at ten cents, it will carry no advertising. If there should be any profits resulting from the sale of the magazine, they will be subscribed to the Army and Navy Relief.

Government agencies have been most helpful and cooperative in this venture. Our main purpose is, of course, to show the part women have played, can play, and will play in our "all-out" effort to defeat the Axis.

I have gone through the data you were good enough to send me, and am greatly pleased with it. I think that by quoting a number of excerpts from this material, we can give women a definite idea as to the role they can take in production. I am also planning to make a detailed list of the jobs that are today open for women.

Do you feel as I do that many women do not consider themselves adequately prepared to enter industry and are anxious to receive training first? It is my understanding that a number of firms are giving training, and also that the government is opening schools for this purpose. I wonder if you could give me more detailed information on this point, if my assumption is correct. You see, I should like to have this book as complete as possible--to make it an informative, yet interesting handbook on women's role in the war world of today. And I should like to be able to tell those women who are anxious to work that training is available, in what lines it is available, where work is most necessary, and exactly where it can be obtained.

I note that you have a number of booklets about women in industry and their training. I wonder if you would be good enough to send me these, and I should appreciate it if you could send me any supplementary material or data.

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When I was in Washington, Mr. Jesse Irwin of your office told me that provisions were being made to give scholarships to women who wish to go into the field of nursing. Would you supply me with full details on this?

Another thing: I have read your speech made at the 21st annual Massachusetts Defense Safety Conference on March 27, 1942, entitled MILLIONS OF WOMEN WAITED FOR WAR PRODUCTION, and find it most inspiring. Would it be possible for me to quote portions from this speech in WOMEN AT WAR and use your byline? I think that this would add a good deal of dignity and forcefulness to this section of the book, and I should greatly appreciate your permission to use it.

I wonder if you would also let me have a picture of yourself to run with the story. I should very much like to use it, inasmuch as I consider your job one of the most important in connection with women's labor.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With sincere appreciation,

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