

Memorandum

April 17, 1926.

Dear Mr. DeBost:

In reference to my suggestion that the Chamber of Commerce appoint a committee to make a special investigation of the relationship between this country and Russia, I beg to call attention to a letter I have received from Mr. Julius H. Barnes, Vice President for the United States of the International Chamber of Commerce.

You will note that the International Chamber of Commerce is to conduct an international survey of the barriers to a fuller development of international trade. This will inevitably apply to such problems as the barriers to a fuller trade between the United States and Russia. No more competent person than Mr. Royland Boyden could have been appointed to represent America on this Committee.

Of course I am aware that the New York Chamber of Commerce is not a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce or the International Chamber of Commerce, but it would be extremely helpful if the New York Chamber could in some way lend the weight of its experience and influence toward a conduct of this inquiry from such a basis as will promote every constructive interest.

I beg to enclose for your information a copy of letter I am writing to Mr. Barnes in acknowledgment of his letter to me as a member of the American Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely yours,

IVY L. LEE

P. S. I am also enclosing for your information a copy of an extract from the April Journal of the International Chamber of Commerce, published in Paris, containing a extract from an address by Mr. van der Houven van Oordt. I.L.L.

Enclosure

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My dear Mr. Barnes:

I am perfectly delighted at your letter of April 16, stating that the International Chamber of Commerce is undertaking an International survey of the barriers to a fuller development of international trade.

This is particularly gratifying to me inasmuch as I tried to get the New York State Chamber of Commerce to undertake a survey of the state of affairs between this country and Russia. It is quite obvious that your inquiry will go into that subject and will be far better than would have been an investigation of the Russian problem alone.

I should like very much to talk with some members of your Committee when it is formed, with a view to giving them such data as I have concerning Russia and suggesting lines of inquiry which they might profitably direct.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) IVY L. LEE

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