25 Broad Street,
March 18, 1925

Mr. Harry W. Luce,
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Congress & Wood Streets,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Harry:

I have your letter of March 9th and am sorry that it was impossible for you to see the members of the Finance Committee while in New York. I think we could have given you a better idea of our purpose than through correspondence. It was unfortunate that your arrival in New York came on the day that Mr. Lewis was required to go away. The advice of your coming arrived at the time of a trustees' meeting and came in the way of a distinct surprise.

Through the year 1924 we met the requirements of the Field in a most satisfactory manner to us considering the barriers that were in our way, and we could not quite see the necessity of your coming to help out in our campaign for funds. The advice came without the necessity time to communicate with the Field and therefore we had to accept your coming without question. Our situation regarding funds for campaigning is quite as bad now as it was a year ago and the extra expense of another man in the Field is an obligation that we did not care to face.

Our reason for asking you to come direct to New York was to get full particulars as to your plans of campaign and the need of your coming, and had we had a meeting of the Finance Committee during your stay in New York, the whole situation could have been threshed out, thus saving you in a great measure the inevitable worry which so tries the nerves. I hope that on your recovery you can come to New York and go over the situation with us in a very thorough manner. There are many little things that have come up during the year which we would like to have threshed out.

I appreciate your pleasure on having me on the Committee and although I have been able to accomplish but little, I assure you that my heart is in the work and we hope to put over this campaign in a very satisfactory way. It would seem to us here without knowing the particulars that it was a needless sacrifice on your part in coming to America at this time and I trust that you left your family well and happy. I wish to thank you for your kind solicitation for the health of Letty and me. We have quite recovered from our automobile accident and excepting for hard work are doing very well. Letty leaves for a rest in Summerville, South Carolina tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

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