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Dear Mr. McBrier:--

I remember your letter of August, 1941, and thought I had answered it but I may not have, for just at that time I carried out a pretty drastic change in my whole set-up.

The work I am now doing, and will probably continue to do until the war is over - does not bring me anything like the remuneration I used to have and because of this we have found it necessary to cut down a great deal. Fortunately, various of the projects I have been working on and trying to get on their feet, have had a considerable stimulation, inasmuch as all but one of them are of much assistance to military aviation, in one way or another. As you can well imagine, however, they are with one exception, not yet actually on a dividend basis. I would expect some of the others to reach this stage during this year, though of course, under the present regulations, there will be nothing fancy in the way of profits. I very much hope before the end of the year, to do a little catching up.

Under the conditions, it hardly seems right or wise for me to sign up to meet the present demands. I think this is a splendid thing to be doing, and you may be sure that I will want to take part in it the very instant we see our way clear to do so.

I was really sorry to read that you had been laid up. I can sympathize with anyone who is not able to be as active as formerly, inasmuch as I have been in that state for several years. I know that I must continue to live only a semi-active existence but sometimes I think the nervous strain of not being able to do things yourself, is almost harder on the system than the actual activity would be. For instance, I ought to feel perfectly all-right about what I am doing to help along the war, inasmuch as, in one way or another, really everything I have been doing for years, has been aiming that way; however, with other people doing the actual work, and only supervision required from me, I find that I wake up nights feeling that I am not doing enough simply because I am not actively busy every minute of the time!!

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Sincerely yours,

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