BENNINGTON COLLEGE

Arlington, Vermont October 5, 1940

Dear Dr. Leigh:

I tried to call you on the telephone when your letter came in just now, but the college-telephone-exchange voice tells me that all offices are closed because it is Saturday afternoon. So I'll write what I meant to 'phone, that I had a letter this morning from Marshall Field. The latest torpedoing of a ship with British children on it, and the statement of the British government that no more children are to sent till winter weather is over, makes them feel at the national headquarters that it will be practically impossible to bring over any more children until spring.

I think the committee will stop all active work, and wait for further developments. This will make it unnecessary, will it not, to go on with local organizing, for the present?

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

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October 11, 1940

Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher Arlington, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Fisher,

Mr. Winterbotham, Chairman of the Vermont Committee, is planning to come to our meeting on October 16th to give us advice as to what should be done, if anything. As you know, the meeting is at Mrs. Arthur J. Holden's house in Old Bennington on Wednesday evening, the 16th, at 7:45. I hope that you can come to the meeting. If not I, of course, will understand.

I have your letter of the 8th telling me about Miss Freda Utley. The College decided this year to turn in all its lecture funds to the support of three resident refugee scholars who are carrying on lectures at the College in connection with their own researches and writing. This makes it impossible for us to engage any other lecturers for this period. I am grateful to you for telling me about Miss Utley.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Leigh President

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