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TELEGRAM SENT JANUARY 30.

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FIGHTING FUNDS FOR FINLAND, 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

REFERRING SETON HARRIS TELEGRAM WE SUGGEST AS CHAIRMAN FOR FLORIDA AND MEMBER NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAROLD COLEE PROMINENT FLORIDIAN NOW PRESIDENT STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. PREPARED TO APPROACH COLEE BUT BEFORE DOING SO WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL AND PLAN OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE. WHILE NATURALLY NOT OPPOSING FUNDS FOR RELIEF WE CANNOT ESCAPE FEELING THAT HOOVER INSISTENCE UPON RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RELIEF ONLY IS ACTUALLY DEPRIVING FINLAND OF MONEY FOR HER REALLY DESPERATE PRESENT NEED NAMELY MUNITIONS AIRCRAFT.

CANNOT GENERAL O'RYAN JOIN WITH HOOVER ORGANIZATION AND MANAGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEFENSE ? HOOVER NEED ONLY AUTHORIZE CONTRIBUTORS TO MARK THEIR CHEQUES QUOTE FOR DEFENSE UNQUOTE. THIS IS SO OBVIOUSLY THE EFFICIENT METHOD THAT WE CAN HARDLY BELIEVE HOOVER CANNOT BE PERSUADED TO AGREE. HOWEVER, IF SEPARATE ORGANIZATION IS NECESSARY WE PLEDGE OUR EARNEST ACTIVE SUPPORT TO FIGHTING FUNDS FOR FINLAND.

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