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Telegram From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Wendell L. Willkie, August 11, 1940

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Woodbury, Connecticut, August 11, 1940.

Wendell L. Willkie,

Colorado Springs, Colorado.

I cannot believe it myself but many of your earnest supporters hereabouts are worrying for fear you may be persuaded to

I can hardly bring myself to fear it but many of your most earnest supporters are worrying for fear you may be persuaded to make some pacifist or isolationist commitment stop We feel that the United States cannot afford to take any chance of losing the protection of Britain and the British fleet and that any day perhaps today our participation in naval warfare may be necessary as the only effect-

For future reference I add this thought colon
ive measure for national defense stop If we brought the main fleet

to the Atlantic and told the Japanese we were going to settle the

Atlantic promblem and would see them ~~late~~ later that-I think that

would slow them up more than anything else stop They are only waiting

ing to jump on the band wagon stop We have it in our power now to de

termine whether Hitlerism or the civilization of the English-speak-

ing peoples shall rule the world stop And any day it may be our last

chance stop For every reason I think the words "quote

shot of war ^{and} ^{should} be discarded,

FM Huntington-Wilson.