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## Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Alfred N. Phillips Jr., July 16, 1941

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Wednesday, July 16, 1941.

Major Alfred Noroton Phillips, Jr.,

Chairman, Connecticut Chapter, Fight for Freedom Committee,  
Darien, Connecticut.

My dear Major Phillips,

Pursuant to action taken at the meeting of June 30th, I wrote Mr. Batterson, the State Chairman of the Committee to Defend America, reporting what had transpired at that meeting and requesting him to give me names of active and enthusiastic members of Connecticut chapters of Defend America. My idea was that each such person might be asked to join Fight for Freedom also and to assume local chairmanship for it. I also suggested that Mr. Batterson might join Fight for Freedom, help select a State executive committee, and be chairman of such committee,--which, of course, would be under you as State Chairman.

This was the only way I myself had to get suitable names to suggest to Mr. Taft and you. Mr. Taft and Mr. Bennett have, I hear, already made up some lists of names. I have not yet heard from Mr. Batterson. I understand his State committee met yesterday; and I imagine they likely discussed this whole matter. Next Friday I go away for a week. I think it might be well for you or Mr. Taft to communicate with Mr. Batterson and find out how much help he can give in the organization of Fight for Freedom in Connecticut,--that is, in case you think well of the idea.

As you know, I am keen for the virtual and, if possible official, amalgamation of the two committees in this State in order to save dupli-

cation of active personnel, of effort, of local headquarters, etc., etc. And the new membership that each committee would bring to the joint effort should stimulate and make more authoritative our propaganda for the cause. I recall that Mr. Cusick, while he thought union of the committees should not be forced nationally, saw no objection to it here, if we worked it out.

I was exceedingly sorry that it was quite impossible for me to accept your kind invitation to the meeting at Mory's in New Haven or to attend the meeting arranged by Mr. Gelders at Wilton. And I regret ~~that~~ that, so far, I have been of so little help in your work of organizing Fight for Freedom in Connecticut.

I am mailing copy of this letter to Mr. Taft and to Mr. Bennett.

I enclose copy of the circulars issued by the State headquarters of Defend America about the emblems I showed you. I wish very much ~~that~~ that Fight for Freedom, in Connecticut, might also use them.

With kind regards, and best wishes for the success of Fight for Freedom in the splendid work it is doing, I am

Very sincerely,

F. M. Huntington-Wilson.