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My dear Sir:

Allow me to enclose copy of a letter I have just written Mr. Zinsser. I cannot help hoping that your Committee, in conjunction with the Society for Social Hygiene, and possibly, Dr. Davenport's Eugenics Office, may see your way to get out a succinct and convincing pamphlet and to undertake a really striking national campaign for an awakening on sex hygiene and the bare principles of eugenics, on both of which the future of the nation depends. For example, there were a few pages in Professor Irving Fisher's Report on National Vitality which were of the most convinc-ing character regarding venereal diseases.

If there is ever to be a hope that the Church, the educators, the press, and others will cast aside hypocrisy and bring about public education on these subjects, that time is now.

I know you are doing a great work, but I can't help feeling that there is no evidence of public agitation commensurate with the unique opportunity presented by war times. I am, my dear Major Snow,

Yours faithfully,

Major William F. Snow, Chairman, Committee on Venereal Diseases, 105 West 40th Street, New York City, New York.