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Copy to Mr Taft
)))))) Bennett

July 19, 1941.-Saturday

Major Alfred Noroton Phillips, Jr.,
Darien
Connecticut.

My dear Major Phillips,

I have now received a letter dated July 16 from Mr. Batterson; but he does not send me any list of persons in Connecticut chapters of Defend America, who might join and represent also Fight for Freedom. I gather Mr. Batterson has been expecting to hear directly from you as to your specific ideas.

The following paragraphs from Mr. Batterson's letter I quote, as giving his present impressions, and indicating his readiness to discuss the questions involved:

"It does seem to me that our two organizations should work together every possible way, one serving as the right hand and the other as the left, with the head consisting of a committee of the two chairmen and possibly one or two others, thus serving as a steering committee and avoiding conflict.

"There is no harm in having the two committees; each one will stimulate the other, just as long as we avoid local mix-ups. These mix-ups need not occur if the Fight for Freedom Committee bend their energies towards organizing communities not now organized by our committee. The Fight for Freedom Committee should hire an executive state secretary whose responsibilities it should be to organize chapters. I'll be very glad to sit down with you and Mr. Phillips and discuss these questions on any day but Wednesday.

"It does seem that if we are going to accomplish our purpose we had better get together, and in this connection there is an Associated League for a Declared War of which Mr. Sidnet Homer, Jr. Jr., of Westport is a very active member. It might be well that Mr. Homer be consulted."

I am sending copy hereof to Mr. Taft and to Mr Bennett. I am glad to hear of the good progress already made in getting a list of Connecticut people for Fight for Freedom. With regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

F. M. Huntington-Wilson.