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September 30, 1939.

F. M. Huntington-Wilson, Esq.,
Woodbury,
Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Huntington-Wilson:

Due to the present world crisis and the resultant state of emergency existing therefrom in our own country it is pertinent that the Navy League expand and enlarge its activities.

Our present and future policy of recommending a Two-Fleet Navy as 100% insurance against possible aggression must be carried to the country in news releases, magazine articles and by means of the radio. Women's Auxiliaries must be formed in every State of the Union that our entire organization be immediately ready to assume the burden that could be thrust upon it. Also at this time the work of the League must be greatly expanded to increase its membership, bolster its many Branches and continue to build up "Sea Power".

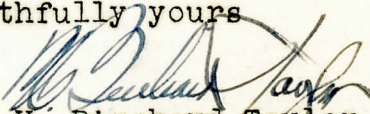
We require funds to carry out these related activities on a substantial scale. The present financial condition of the League is such that not one of these activities can be expanded effectively. An initial \$50,000. will be needed to launch them properly, after which they can be maintained on a self-supporting basis through further promotion.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held September 22nd in New York City, it was decided that, to put the League on a firmer foundation in these uncertain times, each Director should be called upon to give of his time and energy and money.

I am therefore asking you if you will assume the responsibility of raising \$1,000. in your community and that such sum be forwarded to League headquarters in Washington at as early a date as possible. This money can be raised by any one or all of a number of ways -- by obtaining new memberships, by individual donations from friends or by sending us your personal cheque.

League work must be carried on at an advanced tempo and I solicit your earnest cooperation at this time in order that we do our full part in assuring the adequate defense of our country.

Faithfully yours


H. Birchard Taylor,
President.