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Dear Kerlin:

Referring to our previous communications on the subject of the American Red Cross Drive for China relief, I take it the Secretary will be interested in a telegram which I received yesterday from Father Jacquinot, which reads as follows:

"On arrival from Shanghai to obtain Red Cross support for refugees particularly in Jacquinot zone was cordially received by President Roosevelt and other officials stop Secretary Roper informed me both President and he desire you to cooperate with me hence authorized me communicate with you to arrange coordinated program in support Red Cross China Relief Fund stop Please wire your thoughts and proposals to me at St. Ignatius Rectory 980 Park Avenue New York City stop Am speaking nationwide hookup tonight radio WAAF National Company at 645 PM Eastern Standard stop with personal regards

Rev Robert Jacquinot"

There is also another telegram received in the Los Angeles District Office from Father Walsh, Georgetown University, which reads as follows:

"Am sending at same time important telegram for Julean Arnold stop Please have it delivered as soon as possible if necessary could you reach him by telephone and advise him of important telegram sent at request of Secretary Roper.

Edmund Walsh  
Georgetown University".

I sent a telegraphic reply to Father Jacquinot as follows:

"Believe important that appeals be made to American Labor Organizations as they seem very sympathetic and responsive to China's needs in this most colossal catastrophe in modern history. Especially important that stricken masses be aided in efforts get back to land hence purchases seeds for planting and other facilities for restoration agriculture



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and ordinary means livelihood very imperative. American Red Cross has not yet communicated with me regarding its program for resumption China Relief appeals hence I am not informed regarding general details its plans thus in absence of this information hesitate make further recommendations lest they conflict with Red Cross Program.

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I have been at a loss to understand why the American Red Cross has not seen fit to communicate with me in regard to their plans for the China Relief Fund. At least I feel that it might have informed me of its action taken at the San Francisco Convention. Officially I have not been apprised of the fact that the Red Cross has decided to revive its drive, the idea of raising the million dollars originally announced. Considering the great interest which Secretary Roper has taken in this subject and the great amount of time that I have devoted to discussing the matter with the various members of the Red Cross Committee, it would seem that they might have at least shown me the courtesy of sending me a copy of the resolutions as passed at the San Francisco conference and indicated briefly their plans for resuming the drive, presuming of course that they are resuming the drive. It makes it very difficult for me to reply to a telegram of the nature of the one above quoted, without more definite and authentic information concerning the present status of this subject. I have consistently indicated to the members of the Central Committee of the Red Cross my willingness to render every possible assistance, especially so since Secretary Roper personally took such keen interest in the matter. I trust that my reply to Father Jacquinot's telegram is quite in keeping with the Secretary's ideas on the subject. In recommending to Father Jacquinot that overtures be made to the American Labor Organizations, I had reason to know that there are good prospects of a sympathetic response from this source. Personally I feel that the Red Cross would do well to make its appeal a popular one with the idea of securing several million of small contributions rather than to try to raise the money from a comparatively small number of large donations. However, this is a matter which has to do with the policy of the Committee than one concerning which I am not in authority to do more than merely express an opinion.

I take it that you will convey these sentiments to the Secretary and request that you, at the same time, extend to him my warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Julean Arnold  
Commercial Attache

