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March 24th, 1924.

Mr. A. Stamouli,  
29 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Stamouli:

Your letter addressed to Miss Dwight has been handed to me for attention because as perhaps you do not know Miss Dwight has been sent overseas by our Committee to handle some special work among the children. You doubtless know that she has lived in Turkey a great many years and has complete knowledge of the people, being intensely sympathetic with them and their present problems.

Although I have never lived in Turkey I have been connected with the Committee for a number of years and am fully acquainted with conditions in our overseas area. I certainly am acquainted with the present refugee conditions in Salonika and agree with Felix Warburg who has just visited Salonika and declares it to be the worse spot of misery on the Mediterranean. Very distressing is the fact that the N.E.R. has no funds with which to help these people. You are doubtless aware of the appointment of Mr. Morgenthau, heading the Commission for the loan which was to be spent in their behalf but the money for which has not materialized up to the present time.

I am very sympathetic with the appeal for work from the ladies at Salonika and from experience know the women much prefer work to charity and it really is a tragedy that they should not be given an opportunity to earn their livelihood. You can appreciate how our hands are tied even although we might want to help. We are compelled to combine our activities exclusively to the children and are not able to carry out our full program even with them in fact we are reducing the numbers in every possible



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way. The only suggestion I can make is that you interest some Greek women in this country who might supply the capital and later sell the output among their friends in this country. Care would have to be exercised that they made the proper articles and if they did I should think they would have no difficulty in selling them.

In conclusion I want you to realize that the N.E.R. recognizes the situation in Salonika more fully than any other group of people and also regrets more deeply its inability to help although it is still trying to bring all possible pressure to bear upon other channels through which help might come but without success up to the present time.

Sincerely yours,

*E. M. Malcolm*

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