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& I just cant be tout à
fait reglementaire —
My dear good husband
came on at once &
is coming back. but I am
here on military leave
& in mission so we
do not complain —
C'est la guerre
The enclosed paper
will show you why
I am here & what I

Monday 21 January 1918

Hotel Belmont
New York

Dear President &
dear Mrs. Judson: —
Though this is a business
letter I am going to begin
in a most unbusiness like
fashion with —
je vous embrace de tout
coeur comme je vous aime
because it is so
wonderful to be back after
three & a half war years

have been doing besides nursing wounded

Prof. Appel - dean of the Faculty of Sciences in the University of Paris gave me a letter to President Nicolas Murray Butler - hence the work had to begin here. Of course Dr. Alexis Carrel has known about it since the first but there was always the question whether it was realizable & to day President Butler had me come & speak & there seems to be no question but what we can realize. "Le Collège des Etats Unis in Paris" & I am writing from dear President Judson forthwith for your counsel & support - also I am writing - President MacLaurin & shall ask him to speak to President Lowell & I shall write - Dr Vincent whom I saw for a moments the other day. Dr. Carrel wanted me to

but could not.
The paper I am enclosing —
covers everything that has
been done so far. except
I may tell you that Mr.
Clemenceau saw the papers
& approved & had sent them
on to the Cabinet of Mr.
Lafer Ministre de l'Instruction
publique — where I last
saw them.
What Dr. Appel — Mr. Briens
Dr. Rons & the others wish is
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discuss it with Mr. Abraham
Flexner but Mr. Flexner
broke his leg so I have not
seen him yet.
I have a letter to Mr. Greenwood
& to Mr. George Hale in
Washington — where I expect
to go next. I tried to
find a University of
Chicago man in Paris

Presidents of our great universities.
& now that enough people think it
is realizable - we can go ahead.
Some one said to Briand - is it possible
& Briand answered -
"Si Christoph Colombe fils avait
demandé a Christoph Colombe
père la permission de partir
diconvrir un nouveau monde il
est a prevoir que ce brave homme
eut tenter son fils pour rien"!!
& then he turned to me & said - "nothing
that wasn't a bit off the norm ever
succeeded in this world so to you
College Presidents - it's bound to
succeed". & here I am.
It is late & I am frightfully tired
so please forgive this more or
less incoherent letter but I want
it to go to you at once. so I may
hear from you. This Hotel is
my permanent address. as I said
to day - whatever I have done in effective work
is due to the fact that I had been trained &
disciplined by President Judson of the University of
Chicago & that I belong to his Staff. Mansfield is
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CENTURY CLUB

7 WEST FORTY-THIRD STREET

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My dear sir:

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I am asked to invite you to be present at a meeting on Monday, February fourth, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Robert Bacon, 1 Park Avenue, New York, to discuss the proposed organization in Paris of an institution with the above name.

The enclosed sheet indicates generally what is contemplated. The idea has already received the cordial approbation of many leading educators in France and America, and it is hoped that it may equally commend itself to your approving judgment.

You are especially invited to be present at the meeting on the fourth and to give us the benefit of your suggestiveness.

Yours very truly,

Ch. F. Beach

Secretary of the Paris Committee.

Chicago, February 5, 1918

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We have been especially commissioned by the gentlemen on the French Committee to get the matter before our —

New York 26 Feb. 1918. 25

Hotel Belmont
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There is so much to be done here & New York is

University Presidents - that is to say our leading University Presidents. Monsieur Brieux, Dr. Roux & especially Prof. Appell begged me not to let it fall into the hands of the Philistines.

You no doubt know the story of the old nigger at the time of the Charleston earthquake - who flopped on his knees in the street & prayed —
"O Lord we are in terrible tribulations down hee-ah in Charleston; come down O Lord & save us - Come yourself O Lord don't send your son - 'tain't a boy's work" -

Do come down to New York yourself & help lead the meeting to something definite.

A million dollars for the benefit of mankind does not seem much to me, when all the world is giving her sons in order to make this earth a fit place to inhabit.

My warm & loving greetings to dear Mrs. Judson & yourself.

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7. France

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