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Hon. Harry Pratt Judson,
President University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Education of the Polish National Alliance of the U.S. of N.A. recently received from Denmark for private circulation in this country a limited number of copies of a monograph, which we are sending you under separate cover.

Its author is a publicist of high reputation in Europe and the question discussed by him is of vital importance. It will undoubtedly come up for consideration before the next International Peace Congress, and upon its satisfactory solution the future peace of Europe, if not of the whole World, may depend.

In view of the recent proclamation by the Central Powers of the so-called kingdom of Poland, the clear, concise and cogent presentation by the author of the aspirations and imprescriptible rights of the Polish nation, from a historical, economic and ethnographic viewpoint, is of particular interest and we believe that his opinions are entitled to the careful consideration of every student of international affairs.

In transmitting to you a copy of this monograph, we take the liberty of expressing the hope that, amidst the numerous duties of your office, you may be able to find sufficient leisure to give this brief treatise by a scholar and profound student of European politics a careful perusal.

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CHICAGO, ILL. Date of the Post Stamp.

..."Poland should be united, independent and autonomous..." President W. Wilson January 22nd, 1917

Dear Sir:

Desiring to secure the opinion of the most distinguished minds in this country upon the Polish question; calling attention at the same time to the enclosed pamphlet entitled: "The Necessity of Poland's Independence", from the pen of one of the most famous Italian writers, — Antonio Russo; and, — last but not least, — the address delivered in the United States Senate by President Wilson; — we have the honor to submit to you the following questions, an answer to which would be greatly appreciated.

- 1) Is the reconstruction of an independent Poland, with the boundaries she had before the various divisions, necessary, in your mind, from the standpoint of international politics, as well as those of morality and humanity in general?
- 2) Do you regard the reestablishment of an independent Poland as beneficial to the cause of humanity in general, and the cause of the peace of Europe in particular?

Requesting the favor of a reply at your earliest convenience, and thanking you in advance for your kindness, we have the honor to remain,

Respectfully yours

Chairman.

Dear Mr. Smaleri

Chicago, May 3, 1917

Dear Mr. Smulski:

I shall be glad to read the pamphlet which you were kind enough to enclose. In answer to your questions I beg to say:

opinion, that the reëstablishment of the independence of Poland, with essentially the boundaries she had before the various partitions, is highly desirable from the point of view of international politics, and from the point of view of common morality and the welfare of Europe and the world. It seems to me that a strong, vigorous, independent Poland will be an important factor in securing the peace of the world. Further, such independent Poland should be really independent, and not subject directly or indirectly to the domination of any other country.

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Mr. J. F. Smulski Polish Central Relief Committee 1309 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago Chicago, May 3, 1917

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