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While believing that the Trustees would wish me to reserve for all such requests a willingness to consider them in the light of the service it might be possible to render, I have felt that where there was the slightest possibility of either my own or the Foundation's purpose being mistaken through any attitude I might assume, it was incumbent upon me not to take any step which either to the Foundation or myself might prove embarrassing.

There would be to me a very great advantage in the intimate knowledge of a critical situation which it would be possible to gain through association with members of your committee, and I am sufficiently desirous of making such contribution to the cause of Industrial Peace as may be within my power as to gladly place at the disposal of any committee such experience and information as I have, where my action in so doing is not likely to occasion misunderstanding.

I regret that I cannot but feel that serious misunderstanding might be occasioned were I to act in the capacity you have so kindly proposed. This being the case, I am sure you will agree that, not less in the interests of the studies I am engaged upon for the Foundation than in the interests of the work of your own committee, it would be better that I should not be related to its work in one way or the other.

I need hardly add that I very deeply appreciate