5, ST. JAMES TREET EAST TEL. HARBOUR 2226 23rd May 1940.

My dear Senator:

A few days ago Madame Rodolphe Lemieux invited a number of prominent French and English Canadians to discuss the situation regarding certain French organi-'zations occupied in war work, of which a few have already made an appeal in one form or another to the Canadian public.

As a result very generous efforts are being made in Canada in favour of France. Unfortunately these efforts are not centralized and as a consequence their importance is not sufficiently recognized.

It was in view of these circumstances that the idea of grouping together these various organizations by selecting the most deserving amongst them was originated and that "L'Assistance aux Oeuvres Françaises de Guerre" was created.

Our intention, for the time being at least, is not to ask for public subscriptions. We shall of course be pleased to accept with gratitude any donations, of whatever nature that might be made. We would like above all to sustain this Organization by means of artistic representations and other performances.

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