

American Red Cross Letter to Herbert Hoover, March 4, 1918

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My dear Mr. Hoover,

In response to your request on behalf of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, the Red Cross will be glad to undertake the collection of used and surplus clothing and other articles for the use of the Commission in its relief work in occupied territories in France and Belgium.

We have set aside the week of March 18th to March 25th for a special campaign for this purpose. We feel certain that the people of the United States will respond generously, and that we will be able to collect for the Commission such quantities of clothing and other articles as it requires to satisfactorily carry on its work of relief. We will send out your appeal to all our Chapters through our Divisional organization. Where your local committee still exist, we trust that this work may be done by such

committees in cooperation with our local Chapters in order that the Chapters may feel that they too have a part in this great work.

Quarterly yours,

Chairman, Red Cross War Council

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Chairman,
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