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As you will probably be aware, the Government, through the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad, are at present preparing to send relief to the peoples of liberated Europe.

It is unnecessary for us to emphasise the sufferings of these people owing to the horrors of war. You will appreciate how vital it is that everything possible should be done to alleviate this suffering, not only for humanitarian reasons, but because the way in which this relief work is carried out, and the speed with which help is sent, are vital factors if an enduring peace is to be built.

I.V.S.P. is a constituent member of the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad, and is very conscious of and grateful for the opportunity of being one of the Societies which will be sending personnel overseas in the first stages of relief. This personnel will be trained volunteers of practical experience, and it is hoped that relief work carried out by the voluntary organisations may help to break down the bitterness which is almost certain to exist, and will be a factor in building up international co-operation.

As an illustration of the possibilities of international co-operation in this field, it might interest you to see the enclosed brochure which gives an outline of some of the relief work undertaken by I.V.S.P. during the 23 years of its existence. We hope very much that we can rely on your sympathy and support in our efforts to raise the £10,000 which will enable us to place, the moment we are called on to do so, up to 50 volunteers in the field during the course of the first twelve months.

We should be extremely grateful if you felt able to bring our Appeal to the notice of your members, and we should, of course, be able to supply you with further copies of the enclosed brochures for this purpose, or to give you any other information that you require. The Appeal is approved by the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad and the I.V.S.P. "Foreign Service" Fund is registered under the War Charities Act, 1940.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Hardy (Chairman)