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Dear Dame Rachel,

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Many thanks for your kind letter of May 24th, and for the letter from Mr. Berg of May 2nd.

The results of my visit to the States were not very encouraging with regard to the National Home for the Armenian Refugees. There is hardly anything to be got from the Rockefeller Institution, and Raymond Fosdick thought that little could be done in America. I did not see Mr. Morgenthau, as he left for Europe the day before I arrived. The American Government was not hopeful. Kellogg said it would be impossible to carry a bill in favour of the Armenians through Congress.

The Armenians in the States were of the opinion that nothing could be done with the Americans at present, as the Near East Relief had already exhausted the sources. But the Armenians would collect money amongst themselves, and would build a town in Armenia for Refugees.

I understand that the answers of most Governments to the Council's appeal for the Armenian Refugees have been unfavourable, and it is only the Governments of Germany, Switzerland and Norway who have declared themselves willing to take certain action. Under these circumstances I do not think it is possible for the League to do anything, and I see no other course for the League than to drop the whole question as was proposed to the Council in September. I understand we have to make a report to the Assembly which will be a very sad one, and I take it that when the question has to be placed in the Council's Agenda for September, it is for the final funeral?

Yours sincerely,

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