

[July 2, 1948]

Dear Nathan,

It seems to me that Chapley has now succeeded in forming a broader basis for our campaign. What is being asked of me is to receive a few people in order to encourage them to give money for this campaign's expenses. In other respects—so far as I understand—no other sort of conspicuous or unreasonable use will be made of my name. The only risk seems to be that the campaign is not backed strongly enough to make an impression in Washington. The main change in the situation as I see it is that the solicitation of signatures is now the task of the individual organizations that Chapley has brought together; under no circumstance will the collection of signatures be done in such a way that a statement by me is used as the basis.

It may be that this campaign is not supported by adequate factual grounds and analysis. But this should not be a reason for me to deny my cooperation; for a campaign undertaken by a number of people requires willingness to compromise, within somewhat acceptable limits.

That is why I believe that it is my duty to receive those whom Chapley's people think could give the necessary funds. I don't take seriously the danger that the money will be used completely unreasonably.

Therefore, if you have no serious reservations, I shall write to the people that I am ready to receive the donors.

Cordial regards,

Yours,

A. E.

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