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Miss Lavinia Dock
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Fayetteville, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Dock:

This is to tell you how happy Miss Paul was to read your letter of May 26; it cheered and comforted her, and she has asked me to thank you for your warm statements of support.

Miss Paul says to tell you that until the situation confronting us is in a more settled state that we are not at all positive that funds sent to the National Woman's Party might not fall into the hands of the opposition. She says, however, that it would be safe to send a contribution to the World Woman's Party, and that she would be most grateful for any gift that you might make at this time.

We are most encouraged by the fact that two of the court decisions have been settled in our favor. The first was the injunction suit filed by Miss Berrien, which was decided against her and her suit dismissed in the lower Court. The second was Miss Berrien's appeal of this suit in the United States Court of Appeals with a motion that the case be advanced on the calendar so that it would be heard before the Court adjourned next month. Her motion was lost, thereby deciding this issue in our favor, also.

We now have 95 sponsors in the House of Representatives, and are endeavoring to secure 100 before having the names read to the House. This will be done by our Chief Sponsor, the Honorable John M. Robsion of Kentucky.

You will be glad to know that Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan told our Lobby Chairman, Mrs. Amelia Himes Walker, last week that he believed we could get the Amendment out of the Senate Judiciary Committee during the present session. Being on the Republican Policy Committee of the Senate, as well as on the Judiciary Committee, Senator Ferguson is in a position to do a great deal. Eight members of the Senate Judiciary are for the Amendment out of a total of thirteen, so there should be no difficulty in getting a favorable report from the full Committee if we can get it out of the Sub-committee. The Sub-committee is composed of Senators Revercomb of West Virginia and McCarran of Nevada. Senator Revercomb has been opposed in the past and voted against the Amendment when it was voted on in the Senate in July of last year. Senator McCarran is committed to the Amendment. You will see, therefore, that in order to get the Amendment out of the Sub-committee, there is much persuasive work to be done -- but as we have many fine supporters, both within and without the Senate we feel confident that we will have a favorable report during this session.

I, too, was happy to hear from you, and along with Miss Paul's warm greetings and affection I send my own.

Sincerely,

Olive Beale

Olive Beale, Secretary