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Dear General Grant:

In General O'Dwyer's absence from Washington, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 8, 1945, concerning the organization of the Community War Fund Campaign in Washington. General O'Dwyer has asked me to inform you that, in view of the fact that the War Refugee Board will terminate around August 31st, he feels that he cannot accept your designation.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd,
United States Army,
Chairman, Government Unit,
National Capital Park and
Planning Commission,
Interior Building,
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

August 8, 1945

Dear Mr. O'Dwyer:

The President has designated me as Chairman of the Government Unit for the coming Community War Fund Campaign in the Washington Metropolitan area. Manifestly, in order to do the job successfully I shall need, and I am sure I can count on, your assistance and personal interest in the campaign's success within your Agency.

To this end I ask if you will not act as Chairman of the War Refugee Board, at least nominally, with a specially selected Vice-Chairman to carry the real burden of work. Nothing would give me greater encouragement or contribute more to the over-all success of the campaign. If this is not possible, I am sure you will agree that the Chairman should be a person of such position and standing as to enjoy your confidence and have the leadership required for this important war effort.

The campaign is scheduled to commence in the latter part of September; but I am anxious to get an early start in completing the organization and preparatory work. It will therefore be extremely helpful if you will make your decision or appointment some time during the week, and inform me of the results.

Thanking you for any consideration you can give this request,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "U. S. Grant, 3rd".

U. S. Grant, 3rd
Major General, U. S. Army
Chairman, Government Unit

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