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DENVER, COLO., Jan. 10, 1918.

Miss Crystal Eastman,  
Secretary,  
American Union Against Militarism,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Eastman:

I am returning list you sent me October 19th. I am very grateful to you. That these people would be interested in "profit conscription" but learned I was mistaken. However, no harm done.

To-day, I wrote to Mr. Baldwin of The National Civil Liberties Bureau re my refusal to answer the Questionnaire. Wonder if you and your friends will co-operate with me in this fight. Represented by two of the best attorneys in the State of Colorado, an excellent chance to win.

If I answered the Questionnaire, such action would have precluded subsequent trial in the courts. As the case stands, I can attack the validity of the Questionnaire; otherwise, I would have been subject to court martial after being called, and you know what court martial means.

Am enclosing copies of my letters so that you may understand upon what grounds I am making the fight.

Trusting you will help me in this battle, as the signing of the Questionnaires is the first step in the work of militarizing America, and thanking you for past favors,

Sincerely yours,

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