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Hon. O.W.Underwood, U.S.Senator,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr.Underwood:

I have a letter today from my good friend Mr.Lloyd M.Hooper, of Selma, asking me to support you in the contest for the office you now hold. I am a prohibitionist, and regret you did not come out squarely for the League of Nations; but even at that I hereby promise you my support in the coming contest. I think I would have done so even if Lloyd Hooper had'nt asked me; but because he has asked me I certainly shall do so. If I could however, I would make my support conditional on one thing and that is if we send back to Washington our perfectly nice O.W.Underwood, as Senator; that he use his influence to make our perfectly nice Lloyd M. Hooper Governor of Alabama. He is certainly the best man we have for the job, and with possible reversions to more conservative government control, would'nt he be just the man?

May I ask that this letter be regarded as entirely personal? You know that as a professor in the state university its publicity would reflect on my sense of propriety.

With sincerest good wishes for your future success,

With assurance of my cordial support,

I am, very sincerely,

Borge Lang.

League of Nations.

May 27, 1919.

Mr. George Land, [Lang]
University, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Lang:

I write to thank you for your kind letter of the 23rd inst., and to express to you my sincere appreciation of your offer to support my cause in the coming Senatorial contest. I know that it will be of great value to me.

In reference to the League of Nations, publicly I have not expressed any view in relation to it or the other clauses in the peace treaty. I have not refrained from the expression of my views with the desire to hide my attitude in reference to the matter, but because I was laboring under a grave uncertainty as to what were the real terms contained in the treaty of peace. The contract is of such great importance to the country that I feel that I should refrain from an expression as to what I shall ultimately do in reference to the matter until I have had an opportunity to read the terms of the contract as they will be written in the law of nations, and of course when I do so I shall make a candid expression of my views. My attitude is not so much controlled by the issues involved in reference to the League of Nations as it is in the greater proposition of confirming the peace of the world. I am anxious for the treaty of peace to be ratified, if it is possible to do so, at the earliest date, and of course that means the adoption of the entire treaty without amendment.

I do not mean to say that when I have had an opportunity to consider the treaty as it is presented to us for ratification there may not be some clause in it that I may think is of such grave importance that it should be sent back to Paris for further consideration; but my desire to secure the early conclusion of peace is so great that I expect to dissolve all doubts in favor of immediate peace, and nothing but a very grave contingency will prevent my doing so.

I note what you say in reference to our mutual friend, Lloyd Hooper. No man in Alabama has a higher regard than I have for his sterling character and manifest ability. He has always been my true friend, and I am his to command.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

O. W. Underwood.