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*Private*

Mrs. Anna George deMille  
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My dear Anna:

I got your telegram regarding the unpleasant Fairchild matter on the day before the special meeting was called to ratify a resolution for selling the Twelfth Street property. A half dozen lawyers, representing as many interests, were concerned about the form of things, and the meeting had to be confined strictly, under the by-laws, to the adoption of the resolution of authority, and no other matter whatsoever. This was particularly advised by Mr. Kelly, who, I may tell you privately, is deeply disgusted with Fairchild's actions. He agrees completely with my point of view that Mr. Fairchild had no more standing in the Surrogate's Court to which, as the minutes indicated, he threatened to resort, than a man in Ethiopia or some other remote place, who was not a party to the litigation.

To enable him to reopen the case in the Surrogate's Court, even if that were technically possible, he would have to show to the Court that he was an original party to the suit in Court or that he had been lawfully retained as a lawyer by the Foundation. His threat, therefore, to hold up the settlement of the complicated litigation over which some of us have labored incessantly for months past, was nothing more or less than an attempt at intimidation to secure for his own advantage a sum of money to which he had neither legal nor moral claim.

I have already assured you, as I told others, that when he came to see me with his proposed letter to the Board, asking for a consideration for the information he gave to Mr. Kelly, he told me categorically and repeatedly, that he recognized that he had no legal standing whatever in the making of the claim, but that he was putting himself upon the ~~charitable~~ generous impulses of the Board to pay him money because he needed it badly, and because he

helped Mr. Kelly in the litigation by supplying facts that Mr. K. knew not of.