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Mr. Ernest T. Trigg,
National Federation of Construction Industries,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Trigg:

I had a talk with Mr. Goodwin today and he stated that the U. S. Chamber of Commerce would be very glad to give me any information which it had at its disposal and would also be pleased to give me the benefit of any suggestions which might occur to them. I told him that I should appreciate his giving me the names of some prominent business men associated with his organization who might appear before this committee and give it an adequate idea of the effect of a continued housing and construction shortage upon industry and public welfare.

I received a suggestion from Mr. Goodwin that a statistician of the Federal Reserve Board might be helpful to the committee and also some suggestions as to the character of witnesses to be called in each district, and he said that in his opinion it would be desirable for the committee to hold its hearings in more than one city and that it would be particularly desirable for someone from the National Federation of Construction Industries to open the ball with a general statement as to the construction situation in the United States, with its consequences, not particularly statistical, from a broad point of view. It seems to me that you would be the man to do this; if not, whom would you suggest?

I am enclosing with this copies of letters which I have written to Mr. Goodwin today. I hope that when the opportunity offers, you will follow this matter up a bit, for I have a feeling that while Mr. Goodwin may have a willingness to cooperate, he may not have sufficient interest in the matter to take the initiative and voluntarily study the situation with us, gathering data and calling our attention to the data when gathered.

Very truly yours,