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25 BROADWAY

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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

If we were treating with a single case like that of [REDACTED] our position would undoubtedly be quite different from that where we are obliged to consider the consequences as related to other possible cases.

You will recall that there are 12 or 15 claimants whose interests are in the hands of attorneys and if we should ever make a substantial settlement with [REDACTED] along the lines suggested by him and his physician we would certainly be inviting a lot of trouble.

Our neighbors across the street have just had that experience so that we have reason to believe that a settlement with [REDACTED] at this time will probably have the same effect upon the other claimants as transpired with respect to Bayway. In the latter cases there was a promise that no publicity would attach but it is fair to assume that a man in [REDACTED] straightened circumstances could not be placed in possession of substantial funds without a lot of people knowing about it.

However, I have been thinking along the line that we might agree to pay [REDACTED] in consideration of a general release, a certain sum to be deposited to his account but to be drawn upon only by his wife for a period of, say, three years. The difficulty with an arrangement of this kind is that it is fraught with the same or some of the same dangers as are more or less inseparably connected with a lump sum payment.

I feel that we should discourage the payment of any substantial amount even in installments as last indicated. The chances are if he gets ahold of a fair sum he will dissipate. But in all events I am naturally more concerned with the unfavorable reaction which may be expected to follow from such settlement with him at this time. May I suggest that we let this entire matter go over until you return from Europe and we will go into the matter further. Meanwhile see how he is going to turn out at the Soldier's Home.

Appreciating your letter of the 21st and assuring you of our desire to do the right thing by Mr. [REDACTED], whatever that might be, I am

Yours very truly,

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