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Prof. Edward Westermarck,  
c/o The New Generation League,  
124 Victoria Street,  
Westminster, London, S.W.1.

My dear Prof. Westermarck:-

Enclosed you will find announcements  
of our Conference.

Our Committee is desirous of having  
a message from you to be read at the Conference.  
Are you too busy to do this for us? Just a  
short statement of one hundred or two hundred  
words will be appreciated.

We are having an interesting time in  
Chicago. The laws of the State of Illinois do  
not forbid information on birth control. The  
Commissioner of Health puts himself above the  
law and says that inasmuch as he has six child-  
ren, he refuses to give a license for a clinic.

We believe that a scientific confer-  
ence held in Chicago at this time will be a great  
factor in enlightening public opinion concerning  
this movement, and will help to make the establish-  
ment of a clinic possible throughout the State.

With deep appreciation of your assist-  
ance at this psychological moment, I am

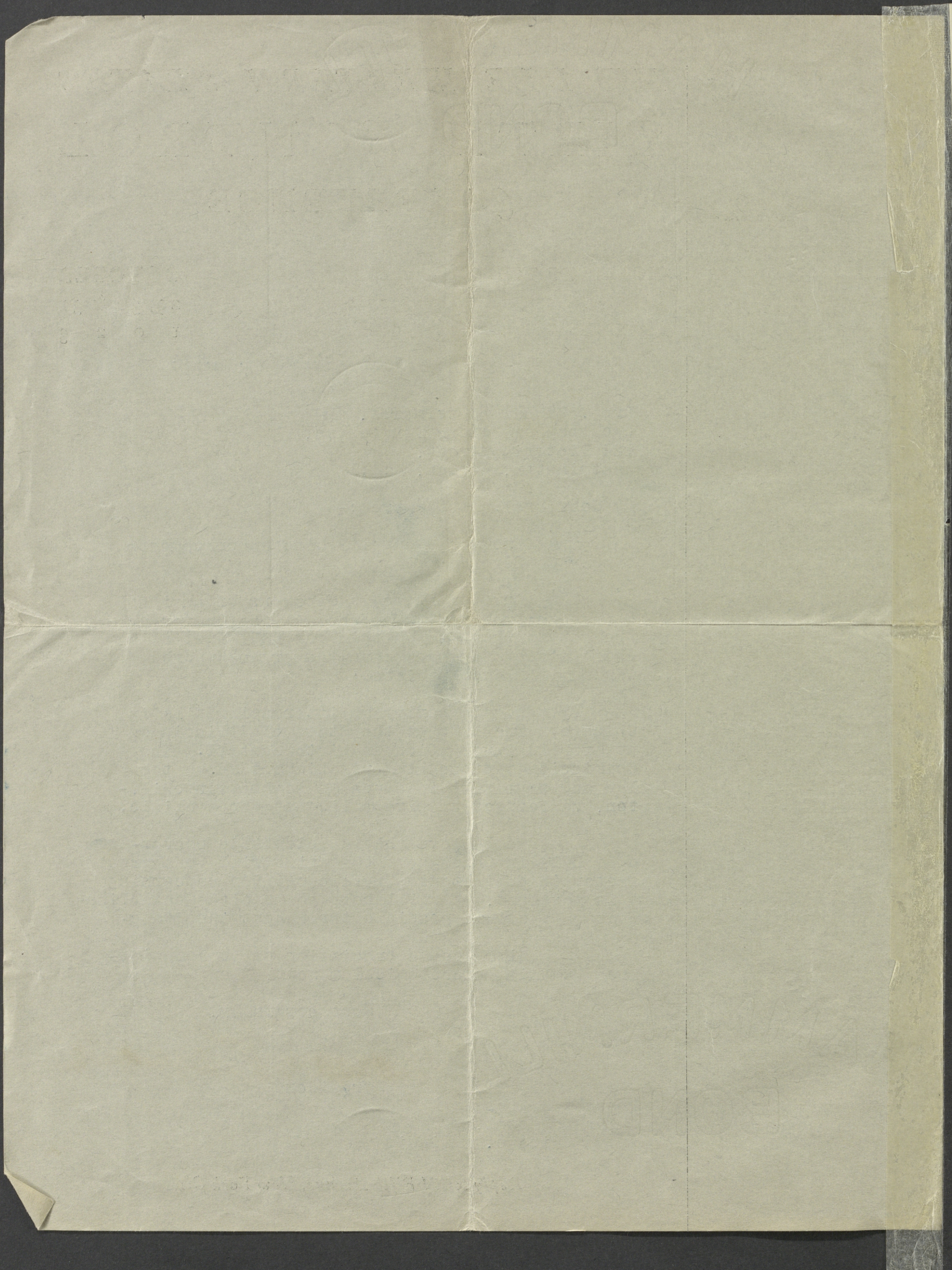
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November 19, 1924.

Dear Professor Westermarck:

The Sixth International Neo-Malthusian and Birth Control Conference is to be held in New York March 26-31, 1925.

Because of your interest in this subject and because of the splendid support you have given the cause from time to time, I wish that it would be possible for you to attend this Conference. If this is impossible, would you consent to send a paper on any aspect of the subject that you consider important? Also, would you honor us by being one of our vice presidents for this occasion? We want to make this Conference a huge success!

We are endeavoring to call the medical profession out of its hiding place, and to make it take over the responsibilities which properly belong to it. In America particularly our victory and success depends upon the recognition the medical profession gives to Birth Control. Will you help us to achieve this victory?

With sincere appreciation.

Faithfully yours,

*Margaret Sanger*

Prof. Edward Westermarck,  
London,  
England.

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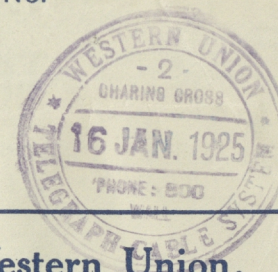
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January 28, 1925.

My dear Professor Westermarck:

Thank you so much for your reply  
to my cable. We are delighted and honored to  
add your name to our list of vice-presidents.

Also please accept my appreciation  
of your good wishes for the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

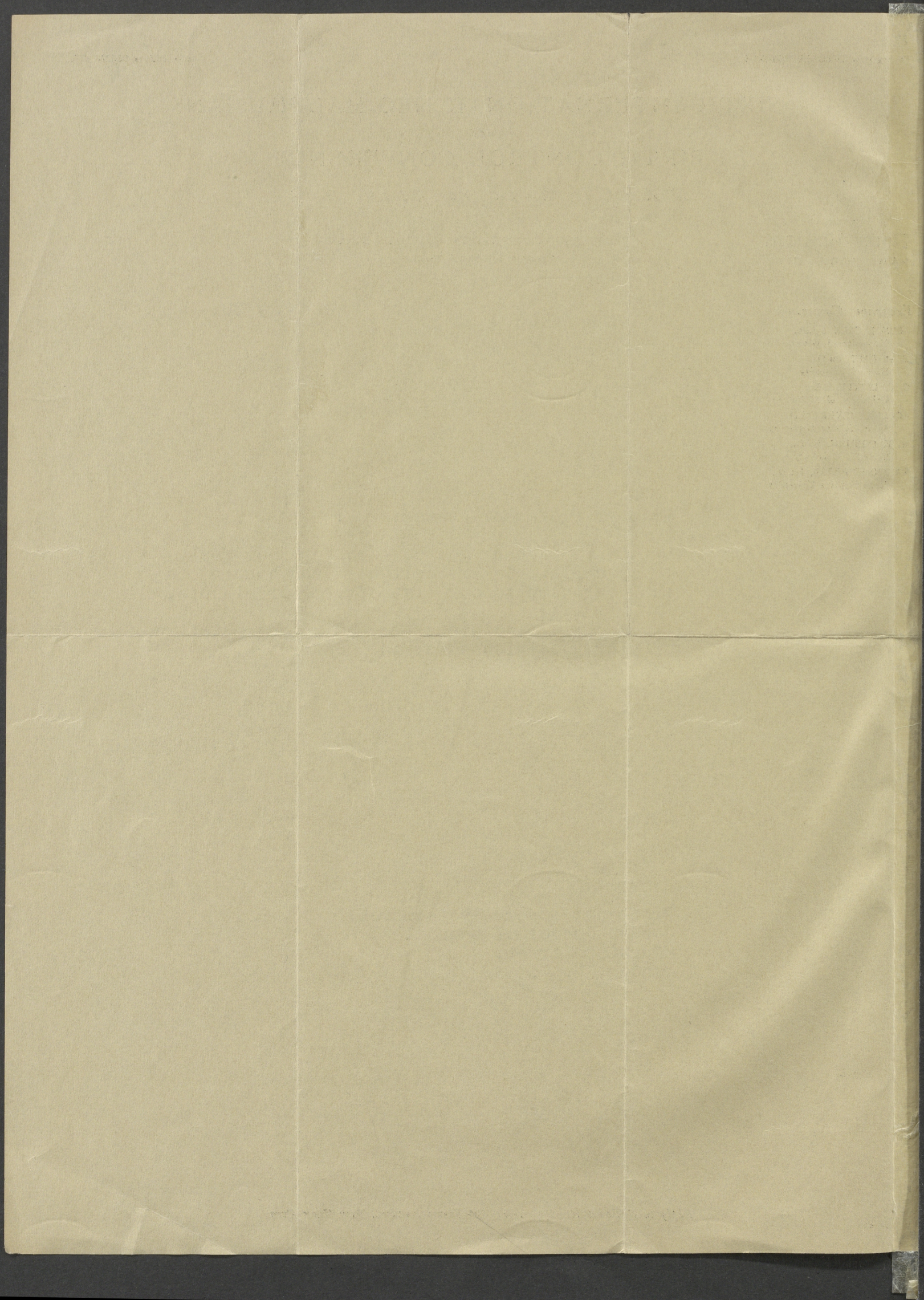
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Please address reply to:  
April 23rd, 1926.

Professor Edward Westermarck,  
Care Drysdale,  
New Generation,  
31 Palace Street, London.

Dear Professor Westermarck:--

Owing to unsettled conditions at Geneva, it has been decided to postpone the Seventh International Neo-Malthusian and Birth Control Conference one year.

This will give us sufficient time to make the Conference a greater success. It will also enable us to arrange with some of the scientists attending the Genetics Conference in Berlin in September 1927 to participate in our Conference at Geneva.

We have no intention to cease activities but rather must we continue at once to interest scientists, statesmen, and individuals whose opinions carry weight in the world of thought.

Will you kindly send me <sup>any</sup> names of prominent and influential persons who might, in your estimation, accept an invitation to come to Geneva either to participate in discussion or just to listen.

We are going to have a successful and inspiring Conference and hope to make its message permeate the thought of the world.

I shall be much obliged if you will write me as soon as you can regarding possible names, so that I can extend an invitation to them at once.

It was very kind of you to consent to be one of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference. I sincerely hope that you will allow the continuance of your name as Vice-President for the World Population Conference in 1927.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret Sanger*  
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October 20, 1926.

Prof. Edward Westermarck,  
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Abo,  
Finland.

My dear Prof. Westermarck:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 1st and for your acceptance of our invitation to be one of the Vice-Presidents for the Conference. I will write Professor Lundborg inviting him to attend the Conference.

I am preparing to go to England. It has not been definitely decided where the Conference is to be held - Geneva or London, but we will be glad to keep you informed and hope to have your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

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*Margaret Sanger*  
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October 10, 1936

Dr. Howard K. Hunter,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Hunter:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 10 and for your invitation to be one of the speakers at the Conference for the Conference on Birth Control, which is to be held in Washington, D. C., on November 10-12, 1936.

I am sorry that I cannot accept your invitation, as I have been unable to do so for some time. I am sorry that I cannot accept your invitation, as I have been unable to do so for some time.

Very sincerely,  
Your friend,  
Margaret Sanger

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Prof. Edward Westermarck,  
Kaspigatow 4 a,  
Abo, Finland.

My dear Prof. Westermarck:

I have wanted to write you for some time to thank  
you for consenting to introduce the Swedish and  
Finnish edition of "WOMAN AND THE NEW RACE". I feel  
honored by your doing so.

I am now making plans to go to Russia this summer,  
and expect to stop over a few days in Norway, Sweden,  
Denmark, and perhaps Finland. I am booked to sail on  
the STAVANGERFJORD from New York on June 20th, arriving  
in Bergen, Norway, about July 1st.

I hope to have the pleasure of renewing our delightful  
acquaintance, and would appreciate your advising me  
if you expect to be in Abo or Helsingfors about the  
second or third week of July? It is likely I will be  
in Helsingfors on July 16th.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to hearing  
from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret Sanger*  
Margaret Sanger  
President



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I have written to you at some time in the past  
and you have written to me in return. I feel  
that the relation between us is a very close one.

I am now writing to you to tell you that I am  
and also to tell you that I am in New York, New York.  
I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon.  
I am looking forward to seeing you soon.  
I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to seeing  
you soon, I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Very truly yours,

W. H. Auden  
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14th NEWS LETTER - APRIL 1934

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR BIRTH CONTROL, INC.  
Margaret Sanger, Pres.  
1343 H St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends:

The fate of our Birth Control Bills S1842 - HR 5978 is in the hands of the members of the Judiciary Committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. Hearings have been concluded. All our combined effort must now be centered on getting these bills reported favorably out of the Committees and placed on the calendar of both the Houses.

Here is where you can help. We need the active co-operation of every friend of this legislation. We need it now. Steady progress has been made since last I wrote you.

The three day American Conference on Birth Control and National Recovery focused public attention on the relation of Birth Control to Public Relief and Permanent Recovery.

The first Hearing was held January 18-19 on the Pierce Bill HR5978 before the full Judiciary Committee of the House. Hearings on the Hastings Bill S1842 have just been concluded March 1-27th before a Sub-Committee of the Judiciary of the Senate.

At both Hearings, our speakers presented an array of impressive medical, sociological and economic facts, none of which were refuted by the opponents. Their futile attempts to vilify the integrity and morality of those in the vanguard of this movement aroused such indignation that hundreds of new adherents rallied to our defense as sponsors and supporters.

The abusive and vulgar language of Father Coughlin at the House Hearing was such that even the Catholic Press failed to carry his remarks. But here comes a bit of news from the front!!

The opponents representing the Catholic Church were evidently unaware of the dissatisfaction among the intelligent men and women of their own Faith regarding the attitude their Church has taken on Birth Control. To satisfy this element there was recently published a book called Rhythm, loudly praised by Catholic prelates and press--which explains in detail and to the hour, when conception cannot take place. Most of us have long ago discarded the Safe Period theory as a safe method for general application. This book, however, was written by a physician and is published with "Eccliaistical Approbation" which means that it has the approval of the Roman Catholic Church!

The opponents were evidently unaware of the contents of this book for every argument they used against contraception is supported in the book, Rhythm on behalf of the Safe Period Method. All the "ballyhoo" of "race suicide", "the race dying out", "immorality" is answered by the author with fearless intelligence and in the spirit which one respects.

On the general principles of limiting or controlling the size of the family--on the needs, rights and morality of the practice, we seem to be in perfect agreement. On methods we entirely disagree.

The Catholic opponents advocate a Safe Period.

The non-Catholic proponents desire to place all responsibility concerning methods in the hands of the medical profession.

The Federal Laws, however, state clearly that "any" information to prevent conception, sent through the United States Mails is illegal. The Post Office has informed us that the "Rhythm" by Dr. Latz is mailable, but that "Contraceptive Practices" by Dr. Hannah M. Stone is unmailable!! Consequently we are face to face with an important National issue.

One method which has "Eccliaistical Approbation" is considered mailable, while any other method not having "Eccliaistical Approbation" is considered non-mailable. This ruling is based on a privilege and not on a right.







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The twenty million members of the Catholic Faith now have a method of Birth Control legally sanctioned by the Post Office Authorities and morally sanctioned by the Hierarchy. We congratulate those who ruled this book out of the obscenity clause!!

But what about the one hundred and four millions of non-Catholics who prefer other methods of Birth Control? Who do not think the Safe Period safe?

We have no objections to the choice or preference of this method for the Catholics, but why not allow the non-Catholics to have a choice and a preference of other methods?

Friends, it is now time to assert our protest against a small organized religious minority dictating to Congress on this vitally important subject--vitally important to a few million mothers whose daily existence is shadowed by fears of undesired pregnancy. Take your stand firmly behind this legislation. Write to your Senators and Congressman. If you have already written to them, write again and yet again. This is the only indication of your interest which those who represent you in Congress can understand. Act today. Ask that a vote be taken.

Write or wire. Help us to clear up this legislative muddle and make scientific knowledge available to American mothers as a real tribute to them on Mothers Day of 1934.

Yours for victory,

*Margaret Lough*

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