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After you have looked over these materials, I would love to talk to you about what phase of the work you think the Women's Division might be interested in. The situation of women world-wide came alive for many as a result of your work in the Women's Division, and we might be able to contribute something to the current phase.

If you can catch Rose Catchings, she will give you her evaluation, and I hope for the opportunity to bring you into closer touch with some specific projects in the offing. Meanwhile, it was a joy to see you after such a long dry spell. Dick still speaks of you and wishes we could stay home (that means me) long enough to see people we like socially. There was, as a matter of fact, the little reception here which I spoke to you about, but you were occupied, as usual, and he was disappointed not to see you.

All best wishes and thanks for your consideration of the proposal, as we come under the classification of the needy.

Yours,

Mildred Persinger