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16th December, 1909.

Dear Miss Phillips,

I am desired by the Executive Committee of the London Society to apply on their behalf to the National Union's Executive Committee for a grant towards the expenses of the general election campaign in London. To be My Committee for a much regret in making any call upon the National Union in this time of strain, but they feel that the circumstances are such as to make the application one which will not add to the difficulties of the Union.

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I have the pleasure to inform you that during the last 3 months my Society's Local Committees have been making special efforts to raise funds to be divided in equal shares between the London Society and the National Union.

The sum collected in this manner since the month of October amounts to £214.15.0, and a further payment of about £80 is expected before the end of this month. The Society will, therefore, be sending in to the Union a contribution of (roughly speaking) £140. My Committee trust

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that in view of the large proportion of constituencies to be worked in London, it may not appear unreasonable that the money thus raised by London members should be returned to them to be spent on election work. In any case a cheque for the amount due to the National Union will be forwarded at an early date.

Yours truly,

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