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Dear Miss Sterling,

I have been pondering deeply whether I ought to come home in time to take part in the Deputation to the Prime Minister on May 19th and though it would interest me very much to be present and I should feel it an honour to be allowed to represent the National Union of U. S. Societies, I have reluctantly determined the question in the negative. We are travelling to & from Naples by Sea, by the Orient Line, and their steamers are exactly wrong for being home on the 19th; to do this we should have to leave Naples as early as next Friday week on 27th April. This would greatly inconvenience my sister as well as myself. We have not had more than about a week up to the present date in real calm & peace on land as

our time in Naples was rendered - though very
interesting - most distressing and disagreeable
by the tremendous eruption of Vesuvius. The
inhabitants of the devastated villages poured into
Naples, which itself lay deep in ashes. Every
one had the feeling of being in a city of destruction.

Thanking the Committee of the N. A. for their
very kind message and Mr & Edith
for backing it up

Yours very sincerely

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