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Dear Dr. Ohrens:

Today I have a letter from Mrs. W. E. Craighead, who worked for twenty years in Bucovina and Bessarabia, and is now assigned to the Russian mission work in Paraguay.

She and Mr. Craighead wish to investigate the opportunity of helping rehabilitate Baptist D.P.'s.

I quote her letter.

"Recently Mr. Craighead contacted here in Asuncion a Mr. Minter Wood, of the 'Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization,' with headquarters in Palais des Nations, Geneva. He stated that this organization will pay the transportation and arrange travel details of European refugees to Paraguay, if someone here will assume responsibility for visas and support. Some of our Russians here have agreed to do this, but they could not do much. Mr. Craighead has written to Dr. Lewis regarding worthy refugees. He wonders if there is a possibility of undergirding this effort, through the relief funds in connection with the River Plate Mission. Who would be the person in the United States to contact? Perhaps you know the situation and can inform us. Paraguay is not ideal by any means, because of political unrest. It is a beautiful, productive little country -- pretty warm for several months of the year. With a will to work, anyone can live comfortably here. So, it might be an available refuge. We have several refugees, of those who have money still, right here in this pension. One couple is leaving for their own rented house in Asuncion tomorrow, and are opening up some kind of business.

The Russian Convention will meet in early January, when it would be well to have some proposition to consider."

I wish this letter had arrived in time for you to present it in the relief meeting on Monday. Since it came only today I know of nothing to do except to refer it to you for consideration with Dr. Lewis and Dr. Howard. If there is anything I can do to follow it up, please let me know.

You can address Mrs. Craighead, Casilla 286, Asuncion, Paraguay.

I wish I could see you while you are in the States. More than that I wish I could talk with you about Europe. With keen interest in all you do, I am

Yours sincerely,

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