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April 28, 1944

Mr. Louis P. Gagne, Lewiston, Maine.

My dear Mr. Gagne:

I wish to thank you very much for your letter which I received upon my return from Louisiana. You see there has been a delay in my answer to you and I apologize. I also wish to apologize for writing in English but inasmuch as I am dictating this correspondence and the stenographer does not speak French, I am obliged to write in English.

It was good to hear from you and I would appreciate it so much if you could organize a group in Maine along any lines you might like.

On May 24th I plan to speak in Boston at the University Club for the New England Historical Society. I think I will meet there all the representatives of the French societies in New England. On the 23rd I have been invited to speak in Lowell, Mass., and on the 21st in Woonsocket, R.I., so you see I will be quite busy in Massachusetts. I would be delighted, however, to collaborate with you in your work for the Friends of Belgium. Perhaps you could arrange something toward the end of June. I could come to Lewiston and stay eight days, speaking here and there for the Drive for old clothing. The question would be to have the schedule well prepared. You told me the last time we met that you could organize a big Belgian Day in Lewiston with a meeting in your biggest hall. I will try to get someone to come with me - perhaps an opera singer or the Chief of the Belgian Information or the President of Friends of Belgium.

Did you receive my book on the Belgian Underground?

Sincerely yours,

(Robert Goffin

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