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Miss Anne Kennedy,
Executive Secretary,
American Birth Control League,
104 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Miss Kennedy:

I have your invitation of January 14th concerning my return to America, to attend the International Birth Control Conference. I thank you most heartily.

You may not know it, but I have been abroad for four years without an American passport, and to explain this fact is not easy. I have applied for an American passport, but it will take at least two to three months before I receive a reply. Then I may be refused. Perhaps you knew there is a law by which American citizens have to return to America every four years, unless they receive permission to remain abroad. I shall have considerable difficulty I know.

I shall not be able to attend the International Conference not only for this reason, but for others of which I am writing to Mrs. Sanger. But I hope to be there within the next year. If I do not get a pass, I shall come without one, illegally. But this I shall not do in time for the Conference.

Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Agnes Smedley