AMERICAN NEAR EAST RELIEF AMEPIKANIKH ΠΕΡΙΘΑΛΨΊΣ ΕΓΓΥΣ ΑΝΑΤΟΛΗΣ ATHENS, GREECE

CABLE ADDRESS "NEAREAST ,,

June 7th, 1924.

My dear Mr. Lawrence:

I am very sorry that I will be unable to meet you when you arrive in Athens, as per my telegram, but circumstances have compelled me to change plans and I must leave for Constantinople tomorrow. I had been hoping the boat on which I am leaving would go via Smyrna, but I understand it is going direct, therefore I will not have the opportunity of meeting you in Smyrna.

I have asked Mr. America to meet you and discuss the various phases relative to the Exchange of Civil Prisoners. Your invitation has also been extended to Mrs. Bassett and Miss Schenck.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing the appreciation of the Near East Relief for the splendid way in which you have cared for our interests in Smyrna and my only regret is that I am not able to meet you and thank you personally. I trust you will have a very pleasant vacation in America and that we will see you in this part of the world in the Fall. In the meantime I note that Prof. S. L. Caldwell will take over our interests in Smyrna.

Again thanking you for all you have done on our behalf, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Acting Managing Director.

Prof. C. W. Lawrence, Athens, Greece.