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Surgeon General's Office,
Washington, D. C.
March 14, 1916.

My dear Osler:

Yours of January the 30th was received sometime ago and I have been working in the direction you suggest ever since. I, myself, should have liked very much to go, but I understand from the Chief of Staff that the President in his letter said nothing about me. I have given three names of medical officers and the matter has been taken up through our Department of State with the British Government and I look upon it as practically settled that we will get these three officers detailed as observers. This will be a very great gain to us, and I am much obliged to you for the interest you have taken in the matter.

Enclosed I send you reprints. We are full of anxiety over the condition of affairs at Verdun but I have an abiding faith that the Allies must eventually be successful; if their cause should fail it would be a sad day for civilization, and we in the United States would be as much affected as are you in England.

Mrs. Gorgas joins me in kindest regards to Lady Osler and yourself.

Sincerely your friend,

W. C. Gorgas.