Berlin, Germany, December 13, 1932.

Dear Moffitt:

I certainly appreciate your letter of December 9 with regard to the Einstein case and I can tell you very frankly that the many expressions of friendship and offers to help which I have received by letter and cable, have only convinced me further of something that I have always believed, and that is that friendships are the dearest possession which we can accumulate in this world. I am particularly pressed with work now, so that I am unable to give you any discussion of the actual details of the Einstein case, but can only assure you that it was handled with the greatest care and discretion by Geist during my absence at Breslau where I was inspecting that Consulate. You can judge how inaccurate the reports were by the fact that so much personal responsibility was attached to me when I was not even here. The matter could have had a very unpleasant outcome on account of the entirely uncalled for attacks on me personally, but the way in which people came forward of course helped tremendously. The Secretary issued a very satisfactory statement to the press on Saturday morning, December 10, and I am sending you herewith a copy of his personal telegram to me. I am sending you herewith a press release and telegram which the Americans here in Berlin sent the Department. I also have word this morning that Mr. Lippmann is going to correct the impression that he gave in his article about me personally. So far as I am concerned now, the matter is settled, but when I think of what effect this might have had on nineteen years
years of devoted service to our Government, I really shudder, for it could have come nigh wrecking my career. Had I been less able to defend myself, one can readily see what the result might have been and this is what I so bitterly resent. One is so much at the mercy of certain individuals and in a way of the press. I appreciate more than I can tell you your very kind and thoughtful letter, and I shall never forget this generous gesture on your part.

My wife joins me in all good wishes, and with very real appreciation of your kind thought.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures:
Copy of telegram from Secretary:
" " Press release and telegram.

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