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Dear Messersmith:

We were sorry to hear that you were a little unwell but hope you are all right now. I am likewise somewhat "under the weather" and have the feeling that no relief can be had at any German "cure." However, we must endeavor to endure our loads.

Join report on Prof. Obrander von Streuben Business
one of the best I have ever seen.
I had arrived at the same conclusion, although I had had no contacts with Schumacher's allies, except Hoffman and Thomas, the latter of whom I had thought would not prove wise.

The von Staufen visitors here this year did harm everywhere they went. Hoffman made two speeches here that apprized every American present. He sent a report which may have some effect in Washington. I said in a brief speech that professes to me of the errors from them.

But our friend Judge Black?
Chicago and New York will tell you facts about situation and, therefore, I need not go into details.

Mussolini's plans seem to be very favorably regarded here, official and unofficial. Personally I have some doubt that he will go through with them. How can he inconvenience himself and leave only one Napoleon in Europe? I am sorry we can not communicate more directly and promptly - but you see why.

Sincerely,

William F. Dodd