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Dear Dannie:

I am dreadfully sorry to hear that you have been ill. Pneumonia is nothing to play with, and I am delighted to know that you are well out of the woods. I hope that you are going to take care of yourself and that you will not undertake this trip to Europe until you feel your usual self. I am interested in having the news of Jimmy. I wrote him sometime ago in Paris. I think it would be fine if he can make a career in the Foreign Service, as I think he has special aptitudes for it, but one of the difficulties is that the requirements for the examinations so far make necessary a certain number of years of college. I am going to write to Jimmy again to get some further information so that I can explore the situation further in the Department.

I have been following closely this matter of the tramways in Mexico City, and it is a difficult problem. I cannot write you as frankly as I would like to in a letter. I note that Mr. Speciael will be arriving in Mexico, and I will be very glad to see him. I realize fully the importance of the recent action of the Federal District here with regard to the tramways, and I realize that it can have very serious repercussions. I am still hopeful that something may be worked out, but I am not at this writing certain as to what can be done. You may be sure that I will be very glad to see Mr. Speciael and, in any way that I can to be helpful to him, I will be so.

Mrs. Mustard died in Wilmington a few weeks ago. It was a great blessing for her as during the last two months she has been needing six hypodermics every 24 hours and every conscious moment was one of pain and suffering. She was a great lady and her passing makes a great void in Marion's life and mine. On the other hand, her passing was a blessing because life meant nothing but pain and suffering.

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I hope to write you at some length in the near future. I am simply overwhelmed with my work here which covers so wide a field.

Marion joins me in love and good wishes to you and Hettie. We are very happy that you are well over this attack of pneumonia, and we do hope that you will take good care of yourself. Our affectionate regard to all the family.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith.