Mexico City, May 31, 1949.

Dear Miller:

I can't tell you what a pleasure and satisfaction it was to have Sam Katz call me on the telephone the other morning to tell me of your appointment as Assistant Secretary of State charged particularly with the conduct of our relations with the other American Republics.

I had seen Ambassador Thurston the evening before, and he had told me that there would be a list of appointments published the next day, among which would be some which would give me pleasure and satisfaction, and particularly one. He did not make any specific reference as he was not in a position to give out any confidential information, but I realized the next morning when Sam called me, that he had made reference to your appointment. I want to tell you what pleasure and satisfaction it has given me to hear of your appointment to this post.

I think you know that although I am in private life, my interest in all that pertains to the fundamental aspects of our policy in these important times remains as great as ever, and I am of course particularly interested in our relations with the other American Republics, for it seems to me, that this Continent is our house, and that we, in the Americas, are one family, and with the position of leadership which has been thrust on us and which we cannot avoid, we are not in a position to take care of our over-all responsibilities in the broad picture unless it is possible to keep order in our own house. I have always felt, and still feel, that these relations with the other American Republics and what happens in them is of the most primary and
It is not probable that I will be North until around the middle of June, but I shall have to be in New York and Washington around that time and will be there for some days, and I hope very much to have the pleasure of seeing you then.

Again with very sincere congratulations and all good wishes for every success and usefulness in your new post, believe me,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

George S. Messersmith
Chairman of the Board

Hon. Edward Miller
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