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The Honorable George Messersmith,
American Embassy,
Havana, Cuba.

My dear Mr. Messersmith:

I am certain you will be interested to hear news of the whereabouts of my father and mother.

They left Brussels on the 10th of May, and went to Ypres, where Sofina had opened a small office, with just a clerical staff. Two days later they left for Paris, where they remained approximately a week. From there they went to Biarritz, where they have stayed until now. They are leaving Biarritz either today or tomorrow for Madrid, Barcelona and Lisbon. I am pleased to say that all the news I have had of them is good, and that they are in good health.

I have no idea what my father's plans may be. I imagine he will stay in Lisbon for some time, as he has the intention of opening a small office there, and therefore do not expect him over here until he is able to get that office running to his liking. As it has been his intention to come to this country for the last four years, I will only believe that he is coming when I see him here.

My brother and sister-in-law sailed last Saturday on the S/S MANHATTAN, and I expect them here in the middle of next week.

I sincerely hope that you are enjoying your stay in Cuba, and that you have now found a pleasant home to live in.

My kindest regards both to you and Mrs. Messersmith.

Very sincerely yours,