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Dear friend:

Your letter of April 7 addressed to me care of the Consul at Southampton reached me there, and I appreciate more than I can say your giving me the picture in this letter. It was most helpful to me in many ways. We had a pleasant trip home, but, as usual, I was so occupied with business that I hardly had any time to see friends. I had long talks with the President and the Secretary and with many people in New York and feel on the whole quite encouraged. I had an interesting talk with Colonel House and also saw him briefly just before my departure on June 2.

I wanted to acknowledge your most interesting letter of April 7 while I was home, but was kept so busy that I had no time for correspondence. I kept in touch with friends in New York who I thought might know of your plans and prospective arrival, but I gather that you had not arrived there before I left. I am particularly sorry not to have seen you, because I really feel the need of a long talk with you. There are so many things concerning the general position which I feel it would be helpful to me to be able to discuss with you. I am considering seriously going to Berlin to see you the next time you go there. I did not get back here until yesterday, and I am writing you briefly now to endeavor to learn what your plans are about going to the United States. I am wondering whether if you are not going to the States in the near future, you will be in Berlin soon. There are several reasons why I would prefer not to go to Berlin at present,

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but if it is the only way of seeing you in the near future, I would endeavor to do so. It will, therefore, be interesting to me if you can give me a word concerning your plans as far as you can see them now.

Aside from my desire to see you to talk over all sorts of questions, there is a matter which I would like to discuss with you which does not concern me or you personally, but which does concern the widow of a very important person to whom I believe we may be of some very real service without too much effort. I saw this lady in the United States, and she has asked me to help her in a matter which is very vital to her, and I have the feeling that you could be of assistance to her and perhaps more so than any other person. This all sounds very vague and mysterious, but the problem is really quite a simple one in some respects and one, I am sure, in which you would be interested, whether it is found possible to do something or not. The actual details I would prefer to discuss with you when I see you, but if such a meeting does not seem practicable within the next few months, I will take the liberty of writing you a complete statement of the case and sending it to you via our diplomatic courier to Paris and Brussels.

It is, I think, a matter in which we can be of great service to the widow of one of the men who has done most for Europe in recent years. Perhaps I should not have mentioned this matter in this mysterious way in this letter at all, but it has been very much in my mind, and if I don't have the opportunity of seeing you in the near future, I shall feel it advisable to write you a memorandum which I can get to you by a safe means. It is not the sort of thing I would wish to send through the ordinary mails.

I hope this finds you and your family well, and we would like nothing better than if we could have the pleasure of having you and Mrs. Heineman spend a few days with us here in Vienna. I am

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sure that you would both enjoy it. Please remember
us both very kindly to her.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Minnie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Schacht is here today but I do
not think his trip has real importance.