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Dear Mr. Harriman:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Dickerman expressing appreciation of his courtesy for having arranged a meeting in New York. I want to tell you how much I appreciate your taking the time to come to this meeting and for your interest in this matter.

There is much that it occurred to me to say further in this letter to Mr. Dickerman but I did not wish to burden him with a longer letter. It will interest you to know that I have had quite a number of conversations with important business men since I had the pleasure of meeting with you in New York -- these men having approached me for information as to what was being planned. I find that when these misapprehensions and misconceptions are cleared away there is general understanding of the necessity for our Government taking action towards a unified Foreign Service. I still believe that, when the legislation will be proposed to the Congress, it will go with the approval of the Departments of State, Commerce and Agriculture. This, of course, would be the most desirable procedure.

If anything occurs to you in this connection which you believe you could usefully bring to my attention, I hope you will not hesitate to do so. I am sure you come to Washington from time to time and I hope very much that the next time you come here I may have the privilege of seeing you.

Believe me, with very good wishes,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Enclosure:

To Mr. Dickerman.

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