



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

AIR MAIL

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Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in calling to my attention your strictly confidential despatch no. 369 of June 3. Had you not done so I fear that it might not have reached this Division for some time. When I got my hands on it I found that it had been routed to practically every other Division in the Department first. As I mentioned to you over the telephone, Mr. Berle and Mr. Long requested copies of the despatch, and I know that Mr. Welles has been considering it on the basis of the carbon copy which you sent him.

I found it extremely useful, and I know that some of your ideas with regard to shipping, impounding of funds, et cetera, are being looked into.

I was particularly glad to have your ideas before the Secretary and others as to the psychology of our friends in the other American republics. I thought your observations particularly concise and well put.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Ambassador,
Habana.