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ce → Ambassador George S. Messersmith,
United States Embassy,
Havana, Cuba.

Dear Friend:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which one of the members of our staff has written to the American Consul General in Havana regarding the application for an immigration visa which he filed with that office.

Mr. Van de Maele, who is a very capable and reliable young man, is in charge of the Accounting Department, and his absence from the office for a more or less lengthy period would of course be of some inconvenience to us. I would therefore appreciate it very much if you would kindly bring this matter to the attention of the Consul General, so that his visa might be granted in the shortest time possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the case of Mr. Jean Ehrlich, whom you know. Mr. Ehrlich is getting together the necessary data to apply for immigration visas for himself and his family for submission to the American Consul General in Havana. His file is not yet complete, but I thought that perhaps you might be willing to mention his case at the same time as that of Mr. Van de Maele, and tell the Consul that he will receive the data shortly.

Mr. Ehrlich's application will include his wife, Mrs. Corina Ehrlich, his daughter Nuria, and ultimately his nephew Hans Wendel, the eldest son of Mrs. Lilli Wendel, whom you were kind enough to help recently.

I shall be extremely grateful for your kind intervention in the above cases.

I received your three letters of January 10th and 16th, and wish to thank you for the interesting information contained therein. I am planning to go to Washington next week.

With kindest regards, as ever,

DNH:MG

Enclosure. (see attached postscriptum)

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P.S. You will perhaps remember that Hans Wendel, the oldest son of Mrs. Lilli Wendel, arrived as a student in the United States a year ago. He is at present attending Iowa State College.

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