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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 21, 1935.

My dear Messersmith:

During my holiday your August batch of letters was received and read by Mr. Dunn and those immediately concerned in the Western European Division. Since my return I have also read them.

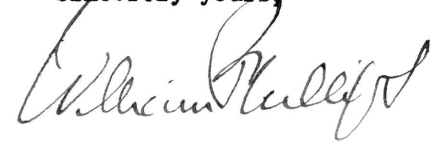
The incident mentioned in your letter of August 15th concerning the wife of one of the leading citizens of Furstenwalde is certainly dramatic and very enlightening. It is knowledge of instances of this kind which makes it easier for us over here to comprehend fully the situation.

We are anxiously awaiting the European crisis. A few days must decide the issue one way

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Minister,
Vienna.

way or the other and, in spite of all the pessimistic reports which are coming in from Europe, I cannot but believe that a way out of the impasse will be found. War between England and Italy is unthinkable.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Brewster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "William Brewster".