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The Hon. George S. Messersmith,
c/o State Department,
WASHINGTON.
(Etats Unis)

Dear Friend,

I wrote you on the 7th April, c/o the American Consul at Southampton, in order that the letter might be handed to you on board the steamer "MANHATTAN", but not yet having heard from you in reply I fear the letter may have gone astray, and I am therefore sending you a copy herewith.

In that letter I chiefly gave you my impressions after my conversations with Dr. Schacht, and I may now add that he duly came to Brussels and spent an evening with us, which was quite amusing. He seemed very satisfied with the reception that was given to him in Brussels.

As I think it may interest you, I am enclosing herewith the English translation of my speech at last month's General Meeting of SOFINA.

My eldest son, Stephen, who, after taking his B.A. at Cambridge, went in for the chemistry courses at the Polytechnic School in Zurich, has now finished his studies there and taken his engineer's degree; he will sail for the States on June 12 in the Berengaria (the same ship that Mr. Van Zeeland will be taking). He wants to have a few months practical experience in an American factory before taking his Degree of Doctor of Science at Columbia or Princeton.

My second son, Jimmy, passed his final examination at Zuo School in Switzerland and also the Oxford entrance examination. He will go to Oxford for a year from next October and after that he will also proceed to America to continue his studies either at Princeton, Harvard, or Cornell.

My wife will go to the States with our daughter May on July 7, in the Aquitania. They will spend a few weeks



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somewhere on the northern sea-board and will then go to my old place : Charlotte (North Carolina) probably returning to Europe about the beginning of September.

As for myself, I don't yet know what I shall do. I need a holiday and I think I may perhaps take a few weeks rest in June. I also should go to the States especially as we have now taken up some very important participations in American public utilities.

I shall tell my son Stephen to get in touch with you when he arrives in New York.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Hermann