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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICAHabana, Cuba,
May 10, 1941.

Dear Friend:

With further reference to our correspondence concerning Miss Mercedes Mallol, the Consul General informs me that he has written her. Her papers have been received and appear to be in order. The one difficulty, and this for the moment is an insuperable one, is that there is no number under the Spanish quota available. The Spanish quota, as you know, is very small. I think it is only about 252 a year. This means that applications have to be considered in the order that they are made, and an immigration visa can be issued to Miss Mallol only if the Consulate General here is able to secure a number from the American Consulate General in Madrid, which is the quota control office of the Spanish quota. It is my understanding that there are some 26 persons chargeable to the Spanish quota now in Habana who have applied for immigration visas. The Consulate General here has again requested numbers from the American Consulate General in Madrid, as the Quota Control Office of the Spanish quota, but has not been able to secure any numbers for some months. I do not see any prospect of securing a number prior to July 1st when the next yearly quota begins, and I am not sure what the prospects are after that.

I am going to write personally to our Consul General at Madrid to see what the situation there is, and I will keep you advised. The prospects for the present, however, are not good. Under the circumstances I believe that there will be no difficulty in securing a prolongation of Miss Mallol's temporary stay in the United States if the circumstances are properly explained to the immigration authorities in New York.

The Consulate General informs me that it has very little information concerning Miss Mallol other than an affidavit from you guaranteeing financial assistance. It would be very helpful if you would have Miss Mallol write me a rather full letter concerning herself, indicating when and where she was born, where she secured her visa as a temporary visitor for the United States, how long she has been in the United States, what she is doing there, etc. All this is very helpful for the record when the

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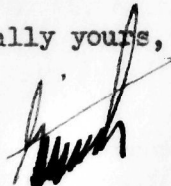
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case can finally be considered.

I will be glad to be as helpful as I can, but I am not very optimistic for the moment so far as an immigration visa is concerned as this question of a number is, of course, controlling.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "H. H. H.", written over the typed name "H. H. H.".