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The Honorable George S. Messersmith,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
American Embassy
Mexico D.F.

I have wanted to write to you for a long time but, for some reason or other I have been prevented from doing so, but I know the principal reason.

In June and July I was particularly busy owing to the visit here of one of our British barristers with whom we reviewed our principal problems. For that reason amongst others I have not been able to get away at all for a vacation this summer.

I am now ready to undertake my long-planned trip to the Argentine and will be leaving this week with Gordon Auchincloss and Charles Wilmers. The State Department was kind enough to grant us priority plane reservations, so that we expect to reach Buenos Aires very shortly. I intend to stay there about four to six weeks. I shall write you upon my return to give you some impressions, unless I visit you in person in Mexico, which is not at all out of the question. Anyhow I shall keep you informed. As you can imagine I am very eager to see for myself how things are in Argentina and to renew my personal contact with our people there. My last visit was in 1936.

I suppose that you are now well settled in the Embassy and hope that you feel happy in your new home and that you have become generally acclimatized. In July we moved to the Hotel Carlyle (35 E. 76th.) and feel very much more at home as we now have our own kitchen and dining room. Hettie is very pleased to have resumed more active household duties and the rest of the family is very pleased with the results.

Jimmy is at Camp Ritchie in Maryland, waiting to enter the next class (probably starting in a month). If successful,

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he hopes to enter the Intelligence where he might obtain a commission, but this is by no means certain. We are lucky to see him for a short visit home fairly often. On account of his research work Stephen had been deferred, but his deferment has now lapsed and he may be called in the near future. As to May she has resumed her work at Columbia this week ; she took a summer course and worked hard through the end of August. She has the ambition to take her Master Degree in February next (Mathematics and Physics) although she graduated from college only a year ago.

I have missed your very interesting letters and would appreciate very much receiving some news from you in Buenos Aires, where my address will be : c/o Compania Argentina de Electricidad (CADE), 184 Balcarce.

With my kindest regards to Mrs. Messersmith and yourself, in which my wife joins, believe me

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