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Honorable George S. Messersmith
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Dear George:

It was very refreshing to get your letter of August 20 enclosing copy of your address delivered before the International Women's Club on July 17. You hit the nail on the head when you said - "We were not wise enough as victors to realize our full responsibilities and to carry them through." What a price we have paid for that error! You, because of your vast experience at various diplomatic posts, appreciate this better than most. I am glad to note, also, that you refer to our continuing complacency. There is indeed too much of it. There is too much "business as usual." I strive with might and main whenever and wherever I can to dispel the fog of indifference.

Recently I had the pleasure of talking with a mutual friend, Captain Casselman. Our conversation drifted to you and he recalled his very pleasant relations with you while he was a naval attache at Berlin. He is a distinguished naval officer and a fine gentleman. He wishes to be remembered to you and your dear wife.

Mrs. Celler joins me in sending best wishes to you and your dear wife.

Sincerely yours,

Mamie

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