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Dear George,

Thank you very much for your two exceedingly interesting and informative letters of May 11th on the Argentine and on the Spanish affairs, and your handwritten note of the 13th.

With regard to the Argentine, the most recent news we have had from Brosens indicates a little slowing up on the expropriation pressure, but this may not mean much. You will be interested to know that yesterday I saw Mr. Jaspar, the Belgian Minister to the Argentine, who is here on a visit. I asked whether a diplomatic démarche by the Belgian government regarding Rosario, which is the most pressing affair at the moment, would be desirable and helpful. He replied in the negative, saying that the Argentine government would resent this as an interference in their internal affairs. They would take the attitude that rates, nationalization, etc. are strictly their own business. On the other hand, he said the efforts of all the Ambassadors and all of the Ministers combined in Buenos Aires in this connection are not as effective as the efforts of Brosens himself, whose standing and influence are very great. This is, of course, very reassuring, and we hope that these efforts will be adequate to the formidable task with which Brosens is faced.

In view of the circumstances in Buenos Aires, it will not be possible for Brosens to come up to New York at the present time. He is the best judge as to whether he can get away, and I do not

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want to urge him against his own best judgment. Mrs. Brosens, who has been here for some weeks, is returning to Buenos Aires. She was here because of the illness of her father, who died recently.

I am fully aware of the many aspects which must be considered in respect to a trip by you to Buenos Aires. Naturally, I would not want you to go unless such a trip could be really useful. We can discuss it further when I return to the States.

With regard to Spain, you were entirely correct about there being no credits available at this time. I think we have been doing a service to the State Department in keeping them informed of conditions of which they might not otherwise have adequate data, and we are thereby contributing to a realistic appreciation by the Department of the Spanish situation. Your talks with the Department and the UN delegation were most interesting and useful.

Many thanks again for the magnificent work which you are doing in these matters, and I shall keep you informed as new developments occur.

Very sincerely,

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