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Bern, November 12, 1940

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I refer to my letter of September 2, 1940, and enclose our friend's latest report on the situation in Germany.

He has just returned from a seven weeks' visit to Germany where he says that he met people in all walks of life from workmen to leading industrialists and bankers and had personal contacts with Cabinet members, high Nazi officials, prominent army officers and jurists. You will remember that in a similar report on his impressions on a previous visit to Germany, late in 1939, he insisted that it would be a grave mistake to underrate the German military power and predicted the invasion of Holland and Belgium and the occupation of the Channel ports. The report was written before the announcement of Molotov's visit to Berlin but seems otherwise quite up-to-date.

With kind regards and all good wishes to you and Mrs. Messersmith,

Very sincerely yours,

*Donald F. Bigelow*

Enclosure:  
Report.

The Honorable  
George S. Messersmith,  
American Ambassador,  
Habana, Cuba.

*P.S. The Minister is sending copies  
of the report to the Department.*

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