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Dear Nat:

I have just a few moments ago received your letter of April 3 concerning the statement you saw in the NEW YORK TIMES that Herbert Feis is returning temporarily to the State Department and will be making a two months survey in Europe in connection with our economic policy planning. I also saw this in the TIMES and it intrigued me very much and I thought of you in this connection.

Herbert Feis I have known for years and we were very good friends and for three years, while I was stationed in the Department, we were next-door neighbors in Georgetown. I saw him a great deal up until after I joined Mexlight, and since then I have not seen him, for I think you know during my many trips to Washington I have had to confine my activities practically entirely to matters concerning the company, and I fear that I have neglected my friends.

Feis is a first-class economist; and I have always had great admiration and respect, as well as friendship, for him. He has his very real peculiarities but he is first-class. I think he will do a good job for the Department and is certainly competent to do it, but he will need help. I am going to write him and I will send you a copy of my letter when I do. I think it would be ideal if he would ask you to join him in this survey. He will need some staff, for it is too much for one man. I think it would be well worthwhile for you to give several months to this. I think this would be worthwhile from every point of view and I know you could be of tremendous help. I note that you haven't said anything to Mr. Heineman but he would be very understanding of the importance of your sharing in this work. When I write to Herbert Feis I will send you a copy and to Mr. Heineman also. I can't write it today, for I have had so much to do the last days, but did want to get this word off to you at once.

There are a thousand things which I would like to talk over with you and I wish that we would have an opportunity of seeing each other. I expect to see Mr. Heineman in New York around the 18th or 19th of this month, as I shall have to be in Washington on the 21st for the signing of the loan agreement with the bank.

As this has to be so short a note I will end it right here with the best wishes of my wife and myself.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

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