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The Hon. George S. Messersmith,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Department of State,
WASHINGTON D.C.

Dear Friend,

I have just received your letters of the 6th and 7th instant, and I thank you for the information they contain.

I intend to take a vacation in August and to leave for the States in the second half of September. I hope my wife and daughter will accompany me on that trip.

In the meantime you will doubtless have seen Mr. Davies, our Ambassador here, who will be able to tell you many things about the situation in Europe. He has a very keen mind and sharp capacities of observation, and he does not volunteer his opinions without careful prior thought. He is extremely popular here and everybody likes to go to the receptions at the American Embassy. He is "très en cour" with the Royal Family, and I may add that Mrs. Davies is as much liked as her husband.

Dr. Bücher of the A.E.G. came to see me yesterday and after a long talk with me he dictated a Note of which I enclose a copy herewith. His ideas are perfectly right, but for the time being it is difficult to contemplate their realization.

I shall write you at greater length in the course of next week. With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,