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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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My dear Messersmith:

I have your two letters of June 20th and July 5th to acknowledge. What a curious fellow your colleague Von Papen is! Having known him in the old days, I am always interested in your accounts of his goings and comings.

I was distressed to hear of the tragic accident which befell the Chancellor and his wife. Jimmie Dunn tells me that she was a most charming person. It is dreadfully sad and I wonder how he can manage to continue, burdened as he is by such a sorrow. This press was, at first, full of the reports that Von Starhemberg would take his place,

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Minister,
Vienna.

but now it appears as though Schuschnigg was going to continue. I am certainly sorry for him.

Sincerely yours,

Wilhelm Killip