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Vienna, January 8, 1937.

Dear Dunn:

I appreciate very much your letters of December 1 and 17, acknowledging some of my recent letters. I sent you with my letter of December 22 commenting on the stay of the Duke of Windsor here, a copy of my letter to Judge Moore of that date. I am inclined to think that you may find my last letters to Judge Moore which were dated December 5 and 22, of particular interest. I also wrote you on December 30, sending you some information which I thought might be interesting concerning General von Seckt.

We are not sending a pouch this week and so I will refrain from writing to the Acting Secretary this week. So far as the Austrian situation is concerned, nothing has developed of special interest and the country has been unusually quiet. The Austrians, as you know, take their Christmas and New Years holidays very seriously and most everyone has been out of town skiing or enjoying the snow in the mountains. The Chancellor remained in the city for he felt it necessary to watch the developing situation in Spain and in Berlin. He realizes that the tension in Berlin is increasing, for I find that he is very well informed concerning what is happening.

As additional background for my recent letters and our despatches I am sending you the enclosed clippings from the LONDON TIMES. As I have said before, I realize that you do not have time to read these clippings and I am sending them only with the thought that they may be of interest to some of your associates. If you would prefer my not sending them or if they serve no useful purpose I would appreciate a word from you and I will follow whatever action you suggest.

I am beginning to look forward to the possibility of going home in the spring. My mother is now eighty-eight and although the news I get continues to be good, she always looks forward to this visit in the spring and I don't like to delay going. Besides that, my wife and I both feel the need

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of a little change and are eager to spend at least a short holiday at home if the situation here permits. I hope to go home around the end of March or early in April.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

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