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My dear Messersmith:

Your letter of April 26th, went unanswered because of my absence from the office attending the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York.

By the time I got back, the president had already announced his reorganization proposals and these have been very widely commented on.

I can see no reason why the consolidation of the activities of the State Department, Commerce Department and Agriculture Department dealing with foreign trade should not be brought about. It seems to me very sound business to do so.

I am turning over the material you enclosed in your letter to our mutual friend, Paul Mowrer, with the suggestion that he have one of the boys write an editorial along the lines you suggest.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. G. W. Messersmith,  
State Department,  
Washington, D. C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Knox".