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

Dear friend,

This is just to let you know that my son James, whom I think you met at Marienbad, is sailing for the States to-morrow in the "Normandie".

I do not know yet how long he will stay in America, perhaps it will be only for a couple of months, perhaps he will remain there definitely.

He is travelling with Mr. Ehrlich, one of our Managers, who looks after the financial side of the business of Sofina and its subsidiary companies.

I have asked my son James to go to Washington in order to see you and Mrs. Messersmith, and bring you my greetings and also those of my wife.

Cordially yours,