

AIR MAIL

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Habana, Cuba,
Dec. 27, 1940.

Personal and confidential

Dear Friend:

I have just learned that it is necessary for me to go to Washington to spend some days there on business. How long I shall stay I do not know, but I shall be tied very closely to Washington by the circumstances which take me there and I shall have to return to Cuba as soon as I can complete my work there.

I am therefore leaving here on the S.S. America of the United States Lines, which leaves Habana on Sunday night and I should arrive in New York on Wednesday morning, January 1st, around 8 or 9 o'clock. It depends upon the word which I will have there from Washington as to whether I shall have to proceed immediately to Washington or whether I can have some hours in New York. In case I find on arrival in New York that it will not be necessary for me to leave for Washington immediately, I will endeavor to get in touch with you at the Beekman, or at your offices, in the hope that we may have an opportunity for a talk. In case I am able to stay over in New York until after luncheon, I hope very much that, if you are in the City, I can have luncheon with you and Mrs. Heineman. It is, however, quite impossible for me to make any definite plans as it may be that on arrival of the steamer I shall find that I have to proceed by the first train to Washington.

In any event, you may be sure that I will make every endeavor to see you in New York before leaving for Cuba again. If I am unable to get to New York for any time, perhaps you could run over for a night to Washington. I will get in touch with you in one way or another after my arrival.

I am rather pleased that I have this opportunity of going home now because I have had a low fever for about a month, and although I have good doctors here, they have been unable to determine the cause. They have made all sorts of tests and

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examinations and they say that I am in good condition and they are utterly unable to account for the cause of the fever except that it may come from too much application to work here in this climate. They say that a change to a colder climate of even a week frequently results in the disappearance of the fever. It has not kept me from my work, but it has naturally made the work more difficult, particularly at a time when I have a great deal on my hands.

I hope that you and the family had a happy Christmas - as happy as one can have in these days, and that the New Year may bring you all a full measure of good things.

Looking forward very much to seeing you all, believe me,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G. H. ...', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.