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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AIR MAIL

Habana, June 30, 1941

Dear Friend:

I received recently a letter from Miss Mercedes Mallol and have been going further into the possibilities of her securing an immigration visa under the Spanish quota. There are no numbers available under the Spanish quota at the Consulate General in Habana now.

The new quota year opens on July 1, 1941, but as of that date all applications for visas must be submitted by the Consulate where the application is made to the Department of State in Washington for an advisory opinion. There would be for the present no object whatever, therefore, for Miss Mallol to come to Habana to secure a visa.

I suggest that the best procedure would be for some one to go to Washington to see Mr. Julian Harrington, in the Visa Division of the Department of State, and explain the situation with regard to Miss Mallol. Mr. Harrington, I am sure, would be glad to explain what the procedure is in the granting of visas as of July 1, 1941, and to make some helpful suggestions.

I consider the case of Miss Mallol to be one of those which can be given as favorable and as sympathetic consideration as the circumstances permit under the new regulations. There are certain steps which the sponsors of the applicant in the United States must take. I think the best way to facilitate the matter would be for someone to take up the matter with Mr. Harrington in Washington as he can give much more helpful and definite information than I can from here. I am sending a copy of

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letter to Mr. Harrington in the Department of State so that when someone calls on him with regard to this matter, he will have this background.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



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