

Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D.C.

CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER

April 5, 1940

Dear Messersmith:

You may be hearing from the President directly and in any event probably from the State Department. But I should like to give myself the pleasure of writing to you about my friend, Professor Samuel Eliot Morison whom you will have the good fortune of seeing before long. He is, as you know, trying to repeat for historical purposes (though I suspect he also has mere private pleasure in doing so) the exploits of Christopher Columbus. That historical project will take him to Cuba in June and this is to tell you of his coming, but also to invoke your every assistance for the successful pursuit of his enterprise, of which he will duly apprise you.

I don't have to talk about him at length because a very short conversation will give you the feel and quality of him. Suffice it to say, he is one of my most valued friends, *and one of our best men; I miss him here.*

We miss you here. I hope you have compensating satisfaction in Havana for the loss of your sphere of activity here. Incidentally, I know your influence here is unabated.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*Felix Frankfurter*

Hon. George S. Messersmith.