

September 4, 1944

Dear George:

I arrived in New York from Lisbon via Rio de Janeiro exactly five weeks ago and I am now leaving again to-morrow for Lisbon and Madrid, possibly London, and perhaps other places. Hence I do not know when I will be back home.

Events are moving so rapidly that you can hardly follow. The future is not clear, but I hope I will find my way out of the fog and that I will be able to strike some bright days again, and that the opportunity will be given to me to have frequent contact with you. Perhaps we will be able to do some constructive work together in the field of economics. The task is tremendous and behind the screen of elation lies the seriousness of unsolved problems. I am sure that new construction in Europe, and reconstruction, will afford great possibilities to men of experience and also to younger and ambitious people. It is therefore not impossible that many of our fellow citizens will go abroad and remain there for many years. I would not be the least astonished to see you soon occupying another prominent position on the other side.

I hope that Hettie will return soon after my departure to New Hampshire where I spent about three weeks with her and the rest of the family.

With my love to Marion and yourself,

Believe me,

Devotedly yours,

Q → The Honorable George S. Messersmith,
United States Ambassador to Mexico,
Mexico, D.F.

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