



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1934.

My dear Mr. Messersmith:

Pierrepont Moffat has been away on leave for the past three weeks and in his absence I received your interesting letters of July 11 and 17 addressed to him, as well as your letter of July 14 addressed to Mr. Phillips, who was also away on leave. I took the liberty of showing your letters to Rudy Schoenfeld who as you know handles in the first instance both Austria and Germany.

In Mr. Phillips' absence, I also received your most interesting letter of August 1 summarizing the events in Vienna of July 25 and commenting upon their significance. Immediately upon receipt of this letter, I took the original to the Secretary who now has it. The duplicate, which you were good enough to enclose, I placed in Mr. Phillips' hands upon his return to Washington yesterday along with the above mentioned letters which arrived in his absence. Upon

Moffat's

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Minister,
Vienna.

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Moffat's return next week, I shall not fail to bring all of these letters immediately to his attention.

We are most grateful to you for keeping us in your telegrams, despatches and letters so completely informed and I want you to know what a comfort it is to us that you were in Vienna when this unfortunate incident took place.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

John H. Sherman