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London, S. W. 7.

29th March, 1950.

My dear George,

As you know, I am speaking at the Air War College in Alabama on the 2nd May. I propose to spend the nights of the 3rd and 4th May in Washington. Unfortunately, the Ambassador will be away on tour, so I can't stay at the Embassy, but Franks has fixed me up a room at the Shoreham Hotel. I would very much like to have a chance of meeting some of your friends in the State Department while I am in Washington, and I think perhaps that might be not unhelpful, as they might like to talk to me off the record about Spain and perhaps other matters. I know the Secretary of State will be in London at that time, but perhaps you would let me know who you would like me to see. I suggest that your friends in the State Department might contact me at the War College, Alabama, where I arrive on the 3th April and shall be staying until the 3rd May when they fly me to Washington.

Yours ever,

(signed)

Swinton

The Hon. George Messersmith.