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a copy to Mr. Messersmith Jan. 4

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1934

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I have two more interesting letters to acknowledge, one of November 16th, the other of November 23rd. In your letter of the 16th you refer to the visit of Mr. Mooney, President of the General Motors Export Corporation, and your observations have come in very usefully. I was also considerably intrigued by Von Papen's reply, at the close of your call upon him, with regard to Anschluss, namely, that "what Germany really wanted was to be sure that Austria followed Germany in matters of European policy rather than France". As you say, this is distinctly a naïve statement.

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

I have no particular news to give you. Ambassador Dodd will be here in a few days, and I shall pump him for all I am worth. Hugh Wilson is also in town and these calls, combined with your excellent letters, make us closely in touch with the situation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Phillips". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.