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Personal
Dear Friend:

I have missed our exchanges of letters and seeing you. It is strange how one can be so utterly occupied and have so little opportunity to do the things one wants to do. I am more and more absorbed by my duties here, and, although I have very excellent assistance here, it seems that there are increasingly matters which require my personal attention. I am glad to say that, on the whole, the developments in Cuban-American relationships have been very much in the right direction and that we are beginning to see the results of the efforts we have been making. We see these results in many concrete ways and, in some way or other, almost every day. Last night the Cuban Congress finished the action on the sugar financing bill on which we have been working ever since I was in Washington in January. This bill provides for the financing by us of 400,000 tons of sugar which enables the Cuban crop to be fixed this year at 2,400,000 tons instead of 2,000,000 tons, which is a step essential to maintain economic stability here. It has been necessary, however, to spend two months in getting the bill through the Cuban Congress as the legislation involves the final adjustment of other matters connected with the sugar industry, which means much for stability. Now that this step has been taken, the way is open for other constructive action which we hope we may be able to take in the near future.

I am expecting, next week, the Attorney General, Robert Jackson, who is a good friend and who is now with the President on his fishing trip. He is coming here to address a meeting of the Pan American Bar Association being held in Habana. I am glad the President is getting this holiday and he is indeed a wise man for he knows when to leave his desk from time to time and get the relaxation which all of us should have. The burdens resting on the President are so great that it is impossible for any of us to conceive them, and his performance has been magnificent.

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A cousin of his is down here with us for the present and she brought some messages from him which show that he maintains his good humor and buoyancy and balance, which are so important to all of us these days.

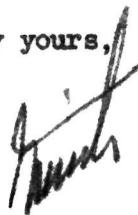
The news from some parts of the world is not so encouraging, but I remain convinced that, while what takes place in Southeastern Europe and Africa, and the Far East, is important, it is not decisive. The War will be decided in and over Germany, but as to the outcome of the War and the defeat of Germany, I have no doubt, but we have a real struggle ahead of us, and I do not think any of us is wise enough to tell at this time how long it will take. Whatever the price we have to pay for the victory, it will not be too great - and it must be a complete victory.

I keep quite well. The best part of the winter here is over, and we will be going into warmer weather soon, but if you and Mrs. Heineman could get down here in April, it would still be in time to see Habana - not at its best - but almost at its best. I do not want to urge you for I know how tied you are, but I do want you to know that Marion and I would be delighted to see you both at any time you can come.

I just wanted to get these few words off to you during an opportunity which I have this morning.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Heineman,

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Frank', written in a cursive style.