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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Messersmith:

Your letter of July 22d on the question of Gedye's reporting to the New York TIMES was extremely interesting and has been very helpful to us in evaluating the reports he is sending in. I must say we were all very much surprised at the alleged brutality in Austrian jails in his article on July 22 and his description of machine guns being pointed at the City Hall in his article of July 1 was alarming as presented on the front page with the headlines put above it, but upon reading through the article we realized that a reporter had perhaps made the picture of the event more sensational than was warranted. The only one of your correspondents

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

in Vienna that I know personally is Stewart Brown who is, I think, one of the finest of fellows and a most intelligent and dependable correspondent.

I need not tell you how helpful it is to have your pictures of the background in connection with the present developments in Austria.

Very sincerely yours,

J. C. Dunn