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The Hon. George S. Messersmith, Minister of the United States of America, VIENNA

My dear friend,

I was very glad to hear from you and I am much obliged for all the information about Mr. Frère contained in your letter of the 6th inst.

My trip to South America was most interesting.

During my stay in Buenos Aires I saw the American Ambassador and Mrs. Weddell several times, and also Mr. and Mrs. Burdett. As you doubtless know Mr. Burdett is now Consul General in Buenos Aires. I also met Mr. Gibson when passing through Rio de Janeiro. He was in great form and looking very well.

I found the conditions in the Argentine very prosperous indeed; it is a coming land where many sick Continental Europeans will in due course be able to find occupation and start a new life.

Mr.Horn who was with me in Buenos Aires for a short time has drawn up a summary report of our impressions. As I think it will interest you to read it I am sending you a copy herewith. When he has time, Mr.Horn intends to deal with the subject more fully in a book on South America which he proposes to publish. He returned to Brussels with me but left again a few days later for North America in order to attend the World Power Conference at Washington as a representative of Sofina. He had a long talk with Mr. Hull and Mr. Bullitt.

Sir George Grahame is going to Buenos Aires again at the end of this month. It will interest you to hear that the Argentine Senate has now finally passed the Bill for the Go-ordination of urban transport in Buenos Aires.

What are your future plans? My family is keeping well and my wife joins me in sending you and Mrs. Messersmith our cordial souvenir.

Ever yours sincerely,