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WASHINGTON

November 13, 1937
W. B. E. Morgan

My dear friend:

This is just a word to acknowledge your note of October 22 introducing Dr. Bindschedler who has just been in to see me. I was very glad indeed that you gave him this note and we had a pleasant conversation yesterday. He had seen Secretary Morgenthau and Assistant Secretary Taylor of the Treasury and seemed quite satisfied with his interviews. If he can arrange it and will not have to leave for New York this morning, we are to have the pleasure of having him for lunch at the house today.

I have been wanting to write you ever since we had the pleasure of seeing you in this country but there is so much to write that one does not know where to begin. It seems to me that the situation generally is developing in a very unsatisfactory way. I am not at all happy over the turn that events are taking in the Far East and in Europe. So far as the situation in this country is concerned, I think the situation is developing fairly satisfactorily. The Congress, I believe, during this next session will take steps which will be quite reassuring to business.

I have been exceedingly busy since you were here. I do not see how my labors will get any easier; in fact, I see them becoming continuously heavier. I am glad to do what I can for I think all of us must keep our hands steadily on the wheel

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these days when we seem to be going into heavier seas.

I am seeing the President this morning and you may be sure that he is following events with the most keen and understanding interest.

My wife joins me in all good wishes to you and Mrs. Heineman. I hope to be able to write you at some length in the near future.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G. M. Smith', written over a horizontal line.