



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Habana, Cuba,  
December 19, 1941.

My dear Friend:

Mr. Guardiola sent me the enclosed letter and documents attached thereto, which he asked me to transmit to you. I am forwarding this letter by the pouch leaving tomorrow. I have not had any opportunity to read the report which he encloses on conditions in Spain, but he has been good enough to furnish me a copy for my information and I shall try to read it tonight and, I am sure, with the same interest that I have always read the previous reports which you were good enough to let me see.

So much has happened since I last wrote that it would be useless to try to make any comment in the short letter that I can write you. I have literally been busy night and day. The negotiations which I have been conducting have gone through some very difficult stages, but I believe that last night I was able to get over the most difficult parts and that we should soon be in the clear. I cannot leave here until these are completed, but I had hoped to have them completed before this time and be in the United States for Christmas. As I see it now, I will not be able to leave here until the day after Christmas and perhaps not until the day after New Years. When I do go, I hope to be there for two weeks, return here for another two weeks to say my farewells, and then go with Marion and Mrs. Mustard direct from Habana to Mexico by steamer about the end of January. When I do go home for this visit, Marion will not be able to go as she has so much to do here in prospect of our departure.

We have not said more about Mae coming down for Christmas as we are already beginning to dismantle our house and we could not make her stay as happy and

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as pleasant as we would otherwise be able to do. Tell her that we are both very sorry, but that we hope she will make us a visit in Mexico City

I have kept in touch with Mr. Guardiola and I can quite understand that you have not been able to come down here on account of developments in the larger picture. In any event, I will be sure to see you while I am home.

I am relieved that finally the die has been cast and that we must throw our full power into the war. Half way measures never gain any goal, and now I feel certain of the victory. We will have some difficult times to pass through and lots of bad news with the good. Japan could not have done a better service to us than she furnished through the dastardly attack. It has united our country and people as I doubt any other circumstance could have done.

Marion and I hope that you and Mrs. Heineman and the family will have as happy a Christmas as any one of us can have in this disordered world, and you may be sure our thoughts will be very much with you during that season. This is just a hurried word, as I am leading an impossible life, and as soon as these negotiations are completed, I must get away here for two or three days for a complete relaxation.

With affectionate regard to you all, from us both,

Faithfully yours,

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