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RE: Purely Personal

FILE: Messersmith
Dear Dannie:

Mike discusses affair which have nothing to do with

You will recall the lunch which you gave at the Carlyle for Lequerica. I think we had the same impression, and that is that while he may be a well-meaning man, he is not very realistic, and I had the distinct feeling that he probably does not carry very much weight with Franco or the Franco Government. It was, however, I think a useful thing to do to have this luncheon.

While he was in Washington last week Mike Deutch sent me the appended memorandum for my personal information and said that I could make it available to you if it was understood that it was for your strictly personal and confidential information, and was not to be passed on to anyone. I told Deutch that I would send you a copy. I do not think he was too much impressed by Lequerica.

You will note that in the first paragraph Mike says that he had lunch with Lequerica and a mutual friend on December 14. He did not tell me who the mutual friend was, but apparently Lequerica had been talking with Deutch about the problem of reconstruction of nitrogen fertilizer plants and petroleum refineries in Spain.

Mike sent me the memorandum because of the references made therein about Lequerica and the lunch in New York. I do not think Lequerica's remarks that my going to Spain would be helpful have any significance whatever. I know my own limitations in some respects, at least, and this thing, I think, is bigger than individuals. Mike said he was sending the memorandum to me because he thought that the references made by Lequerica would be interesting. He asked me very strongly that if I gave you a copy of the memorandum to ask you to be good enough to keep it for your own personal and confidential information only, and not use it with others or make any references thereto to others.

I do not think the whole memorandum has any real significance or interest, but thought you would be interested in seeing it.

Deutch asked where you were and I told him you would be in Pinehurst until shortly after the first of the year. He said that he really wanted to try to be helpful to you in con-

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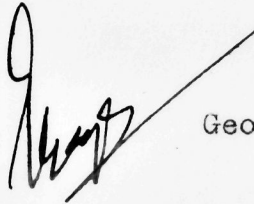
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nection with any plans you might have for diversifying interests,
and I am inclined to think that in this respect he is sincere.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,



George S. Messersmith

GSM/cbc

Enclosure: Copy of memorandum