

Habana, Cuba, June 6, 1940.

Dear Larry:

We are sending by the pouch to the Department my strictly confidential despatch No. 369 of June 3 in which I outline some of the problems on which we will have to make decisions with respect to policy in case of a dictated peace by Germany to England and France, as well as some of the problems which we have to consider in the defense of this Hemisphere. I feel sure that you will wish to look at this despatch yourself in spite of its length. It represents some very considered views which I have and I regret that I had to send the despatch to the Department in somewhat unpolished form, but I am sending it just the way I dictated it so as not to delay its going forward in this pouch. In any event, if I were to make any change therein it would not be a change in substance, but only in form.

Needless to say we have our hands full here but somehow I struggle along and I shall not permit myself to be discouraged. The behavior of the Assembly on this moratorium matter was scandalous and no other word can apply.

I am sure that you will have a great deal to do these days and my thoughts are very often with you all.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

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