

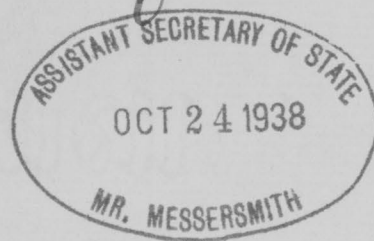
Received

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Oct. 23, 1958

Dear Secretary Messersmith:

Receival of your letter to me
last summer, I think you may
care to see, and possibly to answer.
Enclosed letter of Howard Kuntze
of the University of California.



Corr. Raily
Walter A. Shanks

We hope to see you very soon.

Acapulco.

Feb 26 '45

My dear Friend,

We start on our journey
home tomorrow. I send you the
enclosed photograph as a
small token of friendship.

With renewed thanks.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Eden

P.S. And please do not
forget to let us know when
you come to England; we
mean that.

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Av del Parque 11

Acapulco

Feb 16th 1889

Dear Mr Messersmith,

Thank you so much for your letter.
I regret that we shall not be coming back
to Cuernavaca this trip, & I am all
the more sad because it means
not having the chance of seeing you both
while in Mexico. I so much hope that
you may pay another visit to Europe
before long, when you must, of course,
come to see us in Wiltshire.

After we had moved here, my
son cabled that he ~~might~~ would join us
here from Jamaica. We felt that
it would be simpler to stay on here

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where he could enjoy the sea-bathing than
to move all three to Cuernavaca.
arrives on 20th. We start our journey
home on 25th.

I cannot thank you enough for all
the kindness you & your wife showed us
while we were in Cuernavaca. Clarissa
and I are very grateful. ~~My wife~~ my

faithful Scotland Yard protection will
bring round the books you so kindly
lent us to your house in Cuernavaca
on the afternoon of 25th. My wife will
be back there that afternoon to pick up

some things we left there, & I only
mention it, so that there might be
someone available to whom he could
hand them over. We have enjoyed

them very much.

I have written briefly about with
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the book, and I hope that you will feel
well enough to give us your memoirs
one day; they would be immensely
valuable to the historian & the lessons
of the past are only too applicable to-day.
The only thing certain in this ~~world~~ troubled
world is that man forgets, all too soon.

With kindest regards, in which
my wife joins me, to Mrs. Messerowitch
& yourself.

Yours very sincerely

Anthony Eden

Lucas Green House
P.O. Greendale Salisbury
February II 1959

My dear Gorge

So very many thanks for your further long letter telling me of your exchanges with Eden. I am afraid he is a very sick man. Certainly he was one of the main victims of all the confusion which came about in our foreign policy in London in the terrible years from 1931 onwards.

Well all of that is today the past but we are being called upon to pay a heavy price for the " dreadful thirties ". I wonder what will be the upshot of these renewed exchanges with the Russians. I still think that fear for that Eastern frontier is one of the main obstacles in the way of any accommodation with Russia.

In any case it has been delightful hearing from you and I do hope your health will improve. I am getting very feeble nearly 78 so I do not know what you can expect. One of my troubles is that my memory is failing me badly which throws additional responsibility on to the shoulders of D who is ten years younger than I am. However she is standing up to it all wonderfully. We are due to go home in May for our usual yearly visit.

Thank you again for your most interesting letter about Eden. In the years between the two wars we were very closely together but today I hear nothing of him.

Yours ever

Walford.

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Lucas Green House
P.O. Greendale
Salisbury Feb 2 1959

My dear George

Thank you so much for your delightful letter, but we are both of us distressed to hear that you ^{have} been so suffering. I do hope things may improve for you. I never forget with gratitude our association. Perhaps it was fortunate for me that Eden, much against my will, removed me from Vienna just after you left. At least I was spared direct responsibility for the betrayal of Austria, "the key to the whole international situation" as Amery brought out in his brilliant diagnosis of the "dreadful thirties" - "The Unforgiving Years", the best appreciation of that terrible period which has been written.

Yes indeed. we are faced with a tremendous problem, to reconcile the menace of Russia with the absolutely vital need to prevent the rearmament of Germany.

Things go on here much as usual. Dorothy is very well and loves being in the proximity of daughter. That said one cannot help missing the old home land. I never expected to end my days so far away, but Rupert was responsible for that when he carried off daughter.

Thank you again. It was delightful hearing from you. Love to Marion from us both.

Yours ever

Balford.

P.S. I am interested to hear that you are in touch with Eden. I am afraid he is in a very bad way. Very sad.

I knew him particularly well. We spent some four years together as Private Secretary during the great days of Austen Chamberlain's Foreign Secretaryship. Pity was it for the country when in the midst of the confusion which had come about in the Foreign Office (vide my book) he was not returned as the Foreign Secretary. None better than Austen knew how to deal with the Germans. He would certainly have avoided the terrible blunders which were committed in our foreign policy from 1931 onwards - the disastrous rift with Italy.

I shall be interested to read what Eden has to say of his Foreign Secretaryship in the years from 1936-1938. Like all of the Foreign Secretaries after 1931 he came down in the midst of the confusion. Dennis Barden brought out the point of Eden's failure very well in his biography.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

PERSONAL

January 7, 1959.

Dear George:

I was glad to have even a moment to see you in Mexico City and regret that my crowded schedule did not permit enough time for an extended talk with you. This made your letter of December 8, 1958, all the more welcome, and your remarks concerning my health and my work were deeply appreciated.

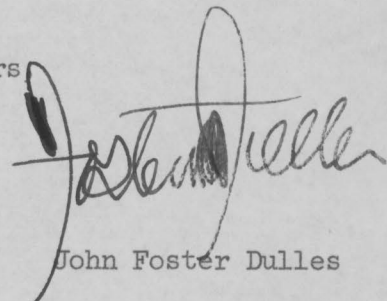
Your own well-being has been a source of concern to me, and I was glad to learn from Dick Rubottom and Bob Hill that you have gradually recovered from your operation and are regaining your strength.

Your letter summarizing the trends in Mexico over the last two decades was most interesting. Having passed on to us views based on your own incomparable experience in Latin America, you may be interested in knowing that the problems which you raised are giving us considerable concern here. For this reason, I was especially glad to be able to meet President Lopez Mateos even during the crowded period of the inaugural ceremonies. It is much too early to judge the kind of administration he will give Mexico, and not even a president can control all developments which affect a country, but I was encouraged by my private conversation with the President as well as by the caliber of the men he has appointed to his Cabinet.

Discussions on the possibility of U.S. financial assistance to Mexico have been carried out sporadically over a number of months. I assure you that whatever action is ultimately taken on our part will be in accord with sound fiscal practices and our basic national interests.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours



John Foster Dulles

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
Mexico, D. F.