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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1937.

Dear friend:

Just before you last telephoned me I had heard that Dr. Goerdeler was at the Hay-Adams. I got in touch with him immediately and found that he was there ill in bed suffering from apparently a rather severe heart attack. I was not able to speak with him as it seems that he is keeping most quiet under instructions from his doctor. When I phoned to the Hay-Adams a young man who called himself Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (I could not make out his name) told me that Dr. Goerdeler was keeping to his bed and would stay there for the next ten days and intended to stay on in Washington very quietly for some weeks, all this being the strict orders of his doctor. I asked the young man whether I could come to see Dr. Goerdeler and that I would be very glad to do so at any time that I could see him and he replied that the Doctor's orders were that he was to see no one but that he thought by next week he would be able to see me and would be very happy to have that opportunity. Under the circumstances, the question of an interview with the President does not arise in the immediate future and I feel sure that Dr. Brüning will see him before Dr. Goerdeler does. I will try to arrange it in this way.

As soon as the President returns from his Western trip I will, in accord with his instructions, get in touch with him and arrange for a time when Dr. Brüning will see him at Hyde Park. I will then immediately

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get in touch with Dr. Brüning and let him know the President's wishes. I am glad that this conversation will be arranged.

I am having a hectic week this week as I am spending some five to six hours a day continuously in the Treasury on the Department of State budget. I am there from about 9:00 until 2:30 or 3:00 every day and then have more hours than I wish at my desk here to keep current. Fortunately this will be over this week.

Mrs. Messersmith is busy trying to get the house ready for occupancy. Our household goods arrive in Baltimore on September 30 and we hope to get settled by the middle of October. I hope Mrs. Heineman has joined you by this time and that you are having a pleasant stay in this country as well as a satisfactory one in every way. My wife and I both regret that Mrs. Heineman did not get to Washington but the next time you come we will be settled in our home and hope you can make us a little visit then - busy as you are.

It was fine to see you and I am confident that your conversations with the President and the Secretary were most helpful. I will get their reactions in due course and will write you.

With all good wishes to you both in which my wife joins,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Messersmith", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.