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Rome, October 3, 1936.

My dear Messersmith,

Thank you very much for your letter of September 22nd which has just reached me. The enclosures are all of interest, though I must admit that I have not had the time as yet to go through the copies of the various despatches to the Department. However, I am taking them home with me this afternoon and shall go through them over the week end.

I spent one night in Paris on the way to Rome and dined that evening with the Carrs at Edwin Wilson's. They spoke with enthusiasm about their stay in Austria and in regard to your Legation. Just when I shall be able to drop in to Vienna I do not know for there is

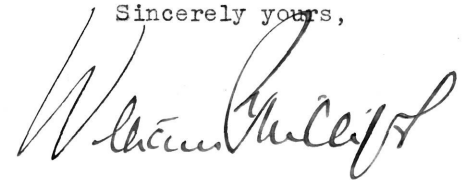
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The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Minister,
Vienna, Austria.

a good deal of settling down to be done here as you can well imagine, and I cannot leave anyway until after the presentation of my letters to the King, a ceremony which has to be delayed probably until the return of the King during the middle of November. I, too, feel the importance of the closest cooperation between us and I will do everything I can to carry this out. I am to be received by the Duce on Tuesday next, an occasion which I am very much looking forward to.

With kindest remembrances to you both,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Phillips". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "William Phillips".