



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Habana, Cuba,  
Aug. 7, 1940.

My dear Friend:

It was fine to hear your voice on the telephone this morning, and I have written to Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury, by airmail. He is a little difficult to see, as he has very heavy burdens resting on him, but I know that my letter will come to his personal attention, and I feel sure that he will give instructions that he will see you. I think it would be well for you to see him before you see some of the people in the Treasury with regard to your problems. Henry Morgenthau is a very fine person and I am sure that you will get on splendidly together. I am sure that you can depend on his cooperation so far as he has discretion under the law. I am, of course, very much personally in favor of our freezing certain foreign assets in the United States so that they do not fall into the hands of the Germans but, on the other hand, I hope that it will be possible to carry out our law and regulations with sufficient discretion to cover problems such as yours.

As you know, I am planning to leave here on the AMERICA, of the United States Lines, which sails from Habana on the night of August 19th, at midnight. I think it is a three-day trip to New York and if you are there, I will stay over to see you, and if you are not there, I will arrange to meet you at a mutually convenient place later.

This is just a hurried note as I have my hands very full these days.

With every good wish to you and Mrs. Heineman, and looking forward to seeing you,

Faithfully yours,

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