

Personal.

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Marseille, France, December 9, 1932.

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I have read the criticism of you in the Herald Tribune (Paris edition) of December 9, 1932, for complying with the law of the land and performing your sworn duty. Fortunately, you are not employed by the Women League, etc., nor the Herald Tribune. I and your many friends know you too well to think that you "don't know your business" and esteem you too highly to think that you would needlessly offend anyone of high or low degree in applying the law. The visa law is not a respecter of persons.

*Criticism*

I am enclosing a copy of a <sup>release</sup> press notice in a similar case of an officer performing his duty. It ~~will~~ be interesting for you to examine the press notices in the Count Caroli case *if you have them.*

*The Dept. will probably make a similar statement.*

With more esteem than ever and best wishes to you and Mrs. Messersmith, I am,

Cordially yours,

*J. S. Messersmith*

George S. Messersmith, Esquire,  
American Consul General,  
Berlin, Germany.

*Waters haste  
JSM*