

Mexico City, May 31, 1949.

Dear Butterworth:

May I tell you what pleasure and satisfaction it gave me to read in a clipping of The New York Times, which has just reached me, of your nomination, by the President, as Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Far Eastern Affairs.

Although I am in private life, my interest in all that concerns the fundamental issues of our country and its responsibilities and opportunities remains, in a measure, as great as ever, and I may be one of those who has at least an appreciation of the scope and substance and importance of some of these problems.

I need not tell you therefore, that it has made me very happy that our Government has had the wisdom to put you in this important post, and I congratulate you on your nomination and on the spirit of service which has always characterized you and which makes you willing to accept these new and broader responsibilities for which you are so well fitted.

I do not know when I shall be able to make another trip to New York and Washington but it will probably be about the middle of June, when I hope I may have the opportunity to extend to you my congratulations and good wishes directly.

Believe me, with continued good wishes for your success and personal happiness,

Cordially and sincerely yours

George S. Messersmith
~~Chairman of the Board~~

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