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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1944

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Some of our mutual friends here in the Department have just called my attention to the fact that on July 27 you will have completed thirty years in the Foreign Service of the United States. Knowing you and your work intimately as I have for many years, I want to say a word to you how much your services have meant to our Government and to the Department. Our close personal association of these many years and particularly the loyal and highly effective support you have always given me are most highly appreciated.

If I were to have my wish, it would be that you remain with us for another thirty years, and in expressing these sentiments, I am not forgetting Mrs. Messersmith whose charm and personality have contributed in great measure to the fine success you have made.

In conclusion I offer you my most hearty congratulations on the completion of thirty years of unselfish and devoted service to our Government.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Cordell Hull

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Ambassador,
México, D.F.