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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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Hon. George S. Messersmith  
Ambassador to Cuba  
Habana, Cuba

Dear Ambassador Messersmith:

I am glad to know that you are happily located in a house which is to your satisfaction, and I trust the warm weather in Cuba will have a healing effect so far as Mrs. Messersmith is concerned.

The sugar beet people have been trying to push for legislation involving a smaller quota for Cuba but up-to-date have not gotten very far.

My brother-in-law, Charles Bruggmann, was much disturbed yesterday with the report that the Italians were making preparations to withdraw their funds from the United States. There are some other straws in the wind which indicate that the Italians are trying to engage in some high class black mail. I can't believe, however, that they are going in on the side of the Germans although some highly placed people in our government have been developing fears along this line recently.

Mrs. Wallace and the Bruggmanns join me in sending to you and Mrs. Messersmith our very best.

Sincerely yours

*J. A. Wallace*

Secretary