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The Hon. George S. Messersmith,  
Minister of the United States of America,  
VIENNA

Dear Friend,

It is ages since I last had news of you. Mr. Horn happened to mention to me to-day that he had had a letter from you, so I know you are in Vienna.

I am sorry to hear you are not coming to Belgium in the near future for I would really have liked to have a long talk with you.

I have been in Berlin several times lately and shall go there again on the 22nd November for the General Meeting of the Berlin Light and Power Company. I shall try to ensure the reelection on the Board of that Company of Dr. Solmsen, former Manager of the Deutsche Bank.

The present general situation is a most disagreeable one, but very interesting. It is extraordinary what difficulties we have these days to transfer our money out of various countries. Some years ago the Turkish Government gave us permission to sell hazel-nuts and eggs and allowed us to keep the proceeds in foreign currency. Last year we dealt in wheat and this year we are selling 200,000 sheep. These must travel 200 kms. before they reach the port of Mersina. During the whole of the journey they don't eat and have to live on their own fat. This naturally has nothing to do with engineering, science or public utilities, but we now also have to learn this sort of business. Money is linked to commodities and moves or stands still as and when the commodities move or stand still.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Messersmith. I hope you are all keeping well and remain, with best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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