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Dear Mr. Dabney:

I have your note of April 27 acknowledging my letter with regard to the proposed consolidation of the Foreign Services. I appreciate more than I can say your going into this matter and your saying that you expect to carry an editorial on the consolidation.

It was the President's original intention, I think, to send this consolidation plan with others to the Congress on Monday, May 1. In view of the fact that he has been obliged to go to Hyde Park in connection with the visit of the Royal Norwegian couple, he may not be here on Monday and the prospects are that he will now not be able to send this plan down to the Congress until Wednesday. There is still, however, a chance that he may be able to send it down on Monday. In any event, it will be going down next week and you will, of course, see from the news flashes from Washington when these plans are transmitted to the Congress. I think it would inadvisable to make any mention of the consolidation plans in the press until the President has sent the plan to the Congress, but an editorial in the TIMES DISPATCH immediately, or shortly after it has gone down, would be most helpful. I will try to see that the copies of the plan and the message are sent to you as soon as they have been printed after reaching the Congress.

Looking forward to seeing you on your next trip here and with every good wish, believe me,

Cordially yours,

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