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My dear Friend:

I wrote you on July 15th very hurriedly and have been wanting to write you ever since, but I think I need not tell you that these are hectic days - and have been. The Secretary was here and I know that he regretted very much not being able to see you before he came down here. He was really tremendously pressed just before he came as he not only had the preparations for this important Habana Conference, but he had many other pressing matters which needed his attention before he left Washington. I am sure with the best will in the world it was quite impossible for him to see you before he came down here. I am confident, if you will get in touch with Mr. Gray in the Secretary's Office, he will be glad to arrange for you to see Mr. Hull in Washington. I would suggest that you endeavor to make the arrangement to see the Secretary through Mr. Gray, who is the personal secretary of Mr. Hull.

I have been on an eighteen hour schedule, and I have some very pressing things here which must have our attention immediately. Even though the Conference is over there is still no let-up for us, as I have some very urgent matters on hand. My wife and I are planning to get away from here about August 20th by steamer and we would be landing in New York. It is our intention, however, to go as soon as possible from New York up to Cape Cod where we can get some cool weather which is what we need. It is not my intention to go to Washington until after we have had about three weeks at Cape Cod, but I intend to spend a week there towards the end of September. I must be back again in Habana during the first days of October as there are things here which will require my attention then. It is, of course, impossible for me to say definitely whether I will be able to leave here on August 20th, as that will be dependent upon my getting certain things done here which must be done before I can leave, but I have great hopes of being able to get away then.

If you

If you are in New York then I shall look forward to seeing you there, and if you are not, we can arrange for a meeting for a convenient time after our arrival.

There is so much that I would like to talk over with you. Mr. Gray had the thought that you might be coming down here during the Conference, but I am glad that you did not come during that meeting, first, because it has been so hot here and, second, because the Secretary was busy every minute from early morning until late into the night. There was so much to be done in so short a time, and now that I look back upon it, I am really astounded that the Conference was able to accomplish so much in so short a time.

I have some appreciation of the great problems which must be pressing in on you these days, and if there is any way in which I could be helpful I hope you will let me know. We would love to see you and Mrs. Heineman, but I cannot advise you to come here at this time unless there is some immediate way in which I could be of use. It is really very hot here and there is no immediate relief. I hope, however, when the warm weather is over and the greater pressure on you is over, you and Mrs. Heineman can come here for a rest with us. The weather here from November until April is really delightful.

This is just a hurried note, and my wife joins in every good wish to you all,