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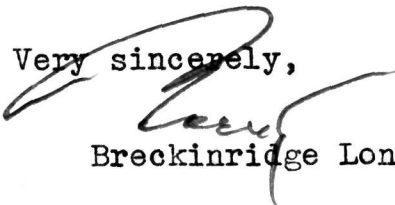
Dear George:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 6 calling my attention to your despatch No. 369 which I have secured and read with very great interest. You and I seem to think about the same way, and as I understand it that is the Administration's point of view. It is the policy which I have been following, and I believe it is entirely in accord with high policy.

Your long memoranda are very serviceable and useful, and I hope that you will not discontinue your thoughtful consideration of the problems which you can see more objectively than can all of us sometimes here. Sometimes the trees crowd the forest when you get too close to things. So instead of apologizing for writing these things I hope you will give up your Saturday afternoons and Sundays and stay at the office overtime every night and get down there early in the morning before the heat begins!

I am off Friday to be gone till after the Convention - naturally bound for Chicago. It looks like Roosevelt and - . The impression seems to prevail Cordell does not care to be nominated for Vice President. As you know, he is very reserved in his political conversation. He talks to me more than he does to anybody else around here - on those subjects - but he is also reserved with me in this connection.

Very sincerely,


Breckinridge Long

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Ambassador,
Habana.