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Dear Allen :

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I have written to Hamilton Fish Armstrong which I hope you may find time to read and which is self-explanatory.

As background I may say that I consider Foster's achievement in connection with the Japanese peace treaty as something unique not only in American diplomacy but in the history of treaty-making. I do not have many pretensions, but I think I do know something about treaty-making and the ratification of treaties, and it is out of that rather full knowledge and experience that I have this conviction that Foster's achievement is really unique and all the more significant because of the difficulties involved in this particular treaty.

When I saw Foster during the weekend we spent with Nevil Ford recently, I told him what I thought of this achievement and that I thought it would really be useful in so many ways if what he did were widely known. I would like to have a try at this myself, but there is no use thinking about it because my days are more than full and I have this definite feeling of obligation to the owners of the Company as well as to the economy of the central area of Mexico which the Company serves. Besides that there are others who can write this story so much better. I think it would be wonderful if Hamilton or someone of equal competence wrote an article for "Foreign Affairs", and if someone wrote the story in a more popular way to be given country-wide publicity, and perhaps even in the form of a pamphlet within the comprehension of thoughtful people in out country, but in adequately simple language so that its circulation would really be wide.

The more I think of it, the more important I think it is for us in our country at this time that this job be done. I hope that you approve of the idea and I hope that you will find it possible to encourage Hamilton to do something about it.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially and faithfully yours,

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