



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear George:

I shall read your report on the Einstein case with a great deal of interest. As nearly as we can determine here, you and your staff handled the case with admirable judgment and courtesy. What the Secretary said to the press was only what the Department owed to you and to your office. Mr. Stimson handled the press in an admirable manner.

The painful and discouraging aspect of the Einstein case to me is the hostile and unthinking attitude of the press in this country. Few newspapers have touched any material point in the case but have given expression to prejudiced and utterly untenable views. Generally speaking, the editorials have taken the position that Professor Einstein was so distinguished a person that he should not have been questioned but should have been furnished with the necessary travel documents without hesitation. I  
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was prepared for a goodly number of letters of a critical character because it would be natural for the so-called red or pink element in this country to wish to record their views and criticisms while the great mass of sober thinking people would feel that it would be unnecessary, <sup>to write</sup> but I was disappointed to have such a large portion of the press show so little consideration for reason, law or proper discharge of public duty. However, I have a feeling that the Department and your office acted as they should and I would be disposed to follow precisely the same course again.

Incidentally, there comes to my desk this morning a long screed from the Woman Patriot Corporation taking the position, I believe, that we should have kept Professor Einstein out of the country entirely. No matter what we try to do apparently we can not please everyone.

Edith joins me in the best of good wishes to both Marian and yourself for the New Year and in the hope that you will have fewer troubles and greater prosperity and happiness.

Yours ever faithfully,

