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C. Messersmith

August 5th, 1941.

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 2nd in which you enclosed a copy of your letter to Mr. L. W. Bayern.

I was not aware that Mr. Bayern had written you. I have known him for many years and can assure you that he is a very nice reliable man and a real gentleman. He is a brother of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium. He is on excellent terms with King Leopold and when he is in Brussels he stays at the palace at Laeken with them.

I first met him through the late King Albert. He left Germany on account of the Hitler regime and has been over here with his wife for about two years, staying at the Joseph E. Davies' estate on Long Island. It is probable that Joseph Davies advised him to write to you.

Mr. Bayern came to my office about two weeks ago and brought me a letter addressed to me by his sister, Queen Elizabeth. She writes "Par Bubi (her brother) je sais combien vous et "Madame Nettye" sont restés nos fideles amis, dont nous sommes tres touchés." I shall tell him what to do so that he can comply with the latest regulations.

My wife and daughter, with some friends, have been motoring in California since the end of June. They have also been in Canada, at Lake Louise and Banff. I am expecting them back about the fifteenth of this month when I hope to take a two or three weeks' holiday. I shall pass the time either at Hot Springs, White Sulphur Springs or at Linville in the Smoky Mountains, North Carolina.

If you will let me know when you arrive on Cape Cod, I will try and arrange to meet you there.

I am sending you, through the State Department, a new report on Spain, which follows the one which you received a few days ago.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

The Honorable George S. Messersmith,
American Ambassador to Cuba,
Embassy of the United States of America,
Havana, Cuba.