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FILE: <i>Messersmith</i>						

Dear Dannie:

In Novedades, one of the leading newspapers in Mexico City, this morning there is an item from New York from the International New Service (INS) dated May 29 stating that the New York Herald Tribune will publish in its issue of May 30 an editorial on the recent information from the Argentine that President Peron has ordered the detention of Dr. Richter, who claimed that he had made certain atomic energy discoveries. The article then goes on to say that the editorial will say in the last paragraphs that this so-called Argentine discovery in the field of atomic energy may be put in the same class as the Soviet claim for the invention of the telephone, and also goes on to say that if Peron has put Richter in jail for lying, then Peron should occupy a deluxe cell in jail also.

We do not see the Herald Tribune here and I would like very much if you would have someone make a clipping of this editorial which is said to appear in the Herald Tribune of today.

It is really inconceivable to me that a paper of the standing of the Herald Tribune should permit the publication of this kind of an editorial. I know how strongly some of these newspaper editors and owners feel with regard to the Argentine and some of their feeling is justified, but the same kind of feeling which they have with respect to the Argentine they could have properly with respect to many countries concerning which and their governments they say nothing but good. But more than this, the kind of language which apparently is used in this editorial is really improper from any newspaper point of view, even in handling facts, and in this case the facts are questionable. We have been crucifying the Argentine for years in some ways in the press, and even in some statements by our government, and for some reason or other we treat it even worse than we do some of our known enemies.

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I am sure that this editorial, if the above-mentioned press article in the Mexico City press is correct, will not be very pleasing to the State Department which has taken the attitude that there should be a let up in this sort of thing. Of course the Herald Tribune does not care what the State Department thinks these days for it is so opposed to the State Department and to Acheson that any policy of the Department would be attacked by the Tribune. In this case it would appear that they have gone much farther than the limits of decency, not to speak of the facts.

All this sort of thing has done and is doing a great deal of harm and altogether unnecessarily. Heretofore, the Herald Tribune had been much milder in some of its comment than the New York Times, and now the Herald Tribune is going further in being obnoxious and improper than the Times and even further than the Washington Post, which has been of course continuously violent for years when it came to anything that concerned the Argentine.

What I am interested in is seeing a clipping of this editorial in the Tribune as in fact it did appear.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

GSM/cbc

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. H. P.' or similar, written in a cursive style.