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Dear George:

It was extremely nice of you to write me as you did in your letter of January 27th. I appreciate exceedingly what you were good enough to express to me, and, as always, I find your advice and comments most pertinent and helpful.

I know that Spain will not be the easiest post in the world, and I know also that many of our own people find it difficult to reconcile having dealings and relations with a country which is under the system of government that we find there. As you may recall, Spain was my first post abroad over thirty years ago. We were in Madrid in 1920 and 1921. I have the greatest admiration for the Spanish people and find that as a whole they are self-respecting, intelligent individuals, who only ask to be allowed to pursue their daily tasks in peace.

I questioned very much whether I would go on in the Service any longer, as I have now, already thirty-six years in Government service, counting my military period before I went into the State Department. It is exactly because I consider Spanish efforts sufficiently interesting and challenging that I am going on.

Thank you again and again for your very kind words and I hope to see you before too long. Do give our warmest and affectionate greetings to Marion, and the very best indeed to yourself.

Devotedly yours,

(signed) James Clement Dunn.

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