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Dear Dannie:

Thanks very much for your personal letter dated November 7 with which you sent me a copy of a letter which you received from Philip Swinton. I have been wanting to write to him ever since I returned here, but we really have too much on our hands. I was able to dictate a letter hurriedly to him yesterday, and while it is much too long and is not just as well-phrased and arranged a letter as I would have liked to send him, it will have to do.

You may be surprised at what I say concerning the conversations between the British and our Government on certain levels, at least in the beginning of this new government, but the situation is entirely different from what it was when Roosevelt and Churchill were talking to each other. They were both in their way giants and each recognized that the other was his equal etc. Truman has a terrible inferiority complex and I am not at all sure how Truman and Churchill would get along together. I think if the ^{ground} ~~group~~ work is done before they get together, it may turn out alright. All this is none of my business. It is high politics with which I have nothing to do, and in mentioning it to Philip Swinton in the guarded way that I did, I only wanted to put him on notice a little bit about Truman. Besides that, the English will want a lot not only in the economic field but also they will want to take some political leadership which I think we will be very loath to let them take and probably with good reason for probably it will not be safe to let them take it at this time. It is going to take some very discreet and astute work and careful handling to see that we do not get into a snag with the new government - the life of which will in so many ways depend on what we can do to help it.

You may not approve entirely of the last paragraphs of my letter to Swinton in which I speak about yourself and more particularly about Wilmers. I wanted to put over certain ideas in a discreet way with regard to Wilmers and I hope I have done it adequately, discreetly and yet effectively.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and
faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith
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