

AIR MAIL

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Habana, Cuba, October 4, 1940.

Dear friend:

We had a delightful trip down, arriving here early Tuesday morning. I found myself confronted with a good deal of work, which will keep me very much occupied for the next few weeks. The situation here is in some ways not good as a result of the falling off of Cuba's European markets, and this, of course, has its repercussions on the political problems. We found everything in good shape at the house and are comfortably settled again.

My wife is writing you, but I wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed the really delicious fruits you sent us to the steamer. We are still enjoying some of it at the house. We both appreciate more than we can say your hospitality at The Beekman and the opportunity you gave us to see you and James. I am delighted that he has made such a good recovery, and I hope that the news you get from Mrs. Heineman continues to be good.

I find that it has been raining a good deal here during September, and the rains are still on, but they should be finished shortly and then we really have delightful weather in Cuba. I realize what many occupations and preoccupations you have, but I do hope that you and Mrs. Heineman will be able to get away and spend a few weeks with us at the house here. I am sure that you would both enjoy it, and I can assure you of a restful but I hope interesting stay. Any time that would suit your convenience and that of Mrs. Heineman will suit us, as we have no plans for being away from here in the foreseeable future. There is always the possibility of my being called to Washington for a brief stay, but I shall keep in touch with you and let you know if there is anything of that kind in prospect.

I found myself so loaded up with things which I had to do upon my arrival that I have not yet been able to look into the visa cases covered by the memorandums which you left me, but I hope to do so in the next few days. It is extraordinary how much work there can be in a country which seems so relatively small and unimportant as Cuba. After all, it has a population of four and a half millions, and our relations with her, economic and political, are rather special and require the most constant careful handling. I have some particularly difficult problems before me here now, but I have every confidence that we will be able to take care of them.

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It was a genuine pleasure to see you again, and we do look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Heineman here. With every good wish in which my wife joins,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Smith", written in a cursive style.