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BERLIN, GERMANY

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AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL

My dear Messersmith:

I was very glad to receive your letter of December 17, 1932, in regard to the Einstein matter, to which you thoughtfully annexed the full text of various communications, the effect of which is to relieve you completely of all responsibility for whatever took place and, at the same time, to make it quite clear that Mr. Geist dealt with the situation courteously, properly, and according to law. I was extremely gratified to observe how promptly the Secretary of State and your friends in Berlin reacted to the situation. As I wrote you before, and at that time without knowledge of the facts, your friends never for a moment believed that Professor Einstein and his wife had received anything but appropriate and considerate treatment.

It is a little depressing to realize how irresponsible our press can be, and how willing to attack public officers who, in most cases,

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no  
have/means of defending themselves.

With all good wishes to you both, and may  
your New Year be a happy one.

Sincerely yours,



George S. Messersmith, Esquire,  
American Consul General,  
Berlin.