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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 8, 1938.

My dear Mr. Messersmith:

Mrs. Hull and I were greatly distressed to learn of the death of your mother. We wish you to know that we share your sorrow in her passing, and we extend to you and to the family our deepest sympathy in your irreparable loss.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable  
George S. Messersmith,  
Fleetwood,  
Pennsylvania.

TEACHERS COLLEGE  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
NEW YORK



October 12, 1938

Secretary George Messersmith  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

Many thanks for your note.

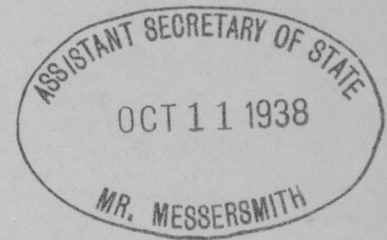
I will of course keep the matter completely confidential until I hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold J. Laski".

Harold J. Laski

Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York



October 10, 1938

Mr. George Messersmith  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Messersmith:

I am so very grateful for your letter. You could not have written me a greater source of hope. I will of course keep your information completely confidential until I hear from you again.

Do you mind if I wired to London that there is evidence of American sympathy with the project of international relief. I will do nothing until I hear from you.

I shall look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold Laski".

Harold J. Laski

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NEW YORK



October 5, 1938

Honorable George Messer-Smith  
State Department  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Messer-Smith:

Mr. Atlee whom you will perhaps remember meeting when you dined with me at the School of Economics, has cabled to me asking whether there is a chance of a Refugee Fund for the Czechoslovakians being initiated from Washington. He and my other colleagues of the Labor Party Executive believe that this would have a momentous effect in seeking to do something of real value for the unfortunate people who will be driven out of the Sudetan area.

I should be very grateful if you could give me your views and tell me how I ought to proceed in so delicate a matter.

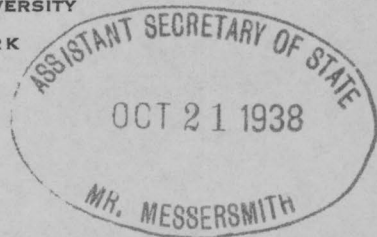
With warm regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*Harold J. Laski*

Harold J. Laski

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NEW YORK



October 20, 1938

Assistant Secretary Messersmith  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I am much obliged to you for  
your note. I will get in touch with Professor  
Shotwell and see what I can do with him.

Very sincerely yours,

*Harold J. Leski*  
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