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Vienna, December 16, 1935.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

When Mr. Clark passed through here some days ago as courier I gave him an envelope addressed to Ambassador Bingham in London and asked him to be good enough on his return to Paris to see that this letter was sent over to Mr. Bingham. The letter contains a private letter for Mr. Phillips.

I have now heard from Mr. Phillips that he may be in Paris for the Christmas holidays. I don't know when Mr. Clark returns to Paris from this trip, but I think it may be just a few days before Christmas. I would appreciate it very much if you will have someone see that the letter which he is carrying addressed to Ambassador Bingham from this Legation and which contains this note for Mr. Phillips be sent to London immediately in case it will still reach Mr. Phillips there before he goes to Paris. If on the other hand you should find that this envelope would not reach Mr. Phillips before leaving London, I would appreciate your having it held at the Embassy in Paris and delivered to Mr. Phillips immediately on his arrival in Paris.

The envelope which Mr. Clark is carrying and to which I refer can easily be recognized as it is the only envelope which he is carrying from the Legation here addressed to Mr. Bingham in London.

Mrs. Messersmith joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Straus a very happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all good things.

Cordially yours,

George S. Messersmith.

The Honorable
Jesse I. Straus,
American Ambassador,
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Paris, France.