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Dear Dannie :

I have been wanting to write or call you but as we had news of Jimmy and that his operation was very successful, and as Draper was leaving to see you and would give you the news from here, I did not do so. I am terribly sorry that Jimmy had to have this operation, but in view of the constant recurrence of this trouble with his back which did not seem to be provoked by any special exertion, I always feared that an operation would eventually have to be made. I am glad that it is safely over, but it will mean that Jimmy will have a very uncomfortable time for months, but I feel the price is worth the pain.

I am feeling very much better. I had X-ray examinations on Tuesday this week, but I will not get the full report until tomorrow. I am inclined to think that it will not be bad. I am of course on a very rigorous, semi-liquid diet and, while I have gained back most of the weight which I lost, it leaves me rather weak and not up to too much effort. I think that if the X-ray examinations proved to be as satisfactory as I am hoping, my diet will be considerably improved.

I think it will be very useful for Draper to make this trip and there are many things on which he can give you first hand information. I gather that Brosens is in New York and I am sorry that I cannot look forward to seeing either of you or both. If it were not for the fact that I must not travel for some weeks, I would make a brief trip up just for the pleasure of seeing you and Jimmy and all the family.

I do not know whether you know my good friend Dr. Morris S. Lazaron. He has been, in my opinion, one of the finest and most constructive men working on problems related to Jewish interests for many years. He has an extraordinarily brilliant mind on the order of that of my old friends Lewis Brandeis and Cardoso. He is a man of great courage, great understanding, and there are only too few men like that these days, whether they be Jew or Gentile. He and I have not seen much of each other in recent years, but we have contact by correspondence now and then and he has sent me a copy of an address which

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he has made before important audiences in the U.S. recently and I thought you might be interested in reading it, and I am sending it to you herewith. Please do not bother to return or acknowledge it. You may not have the time to read it.

There is so much that I would like to talk over with you that I do not even begin. Marion joins me in affectionate good wishes to you all.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

  
George S. Messersmith.

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