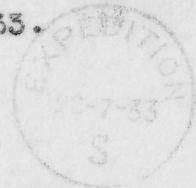


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Professor W. DODD
American Ambassador,
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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

My old friend, Colonel E. House, has asked me, both by cable and by letter, to call on you next time I go to Berlin. I should have done this, even if he had not asked me to do so, as it would indeed be a great pleasure for me to make your acquaintance.

My Company, the Société Financière de Transports et d'Entreprises Industrielles (SOFINA), has considerable interests in various public utility undertakings in Germany and I therefore have to go to Berlin from time to time in order to attend Board Meetings. I am afraid, however, my next trip to Berlin will not be before the end of September, a week or so before I sail on a trip to the States.

I graduated in a German University as Dr. of Philosophy, and I have a great many friends, in German industrial and banking circles, whom I meet now and again.

You may be interested to know that I was born at Charlotte, North Carolina, as I understand you come from the same State. Mr. Messersmith, our Consul General in Berlin, is an excellent friend of mine.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you in the near future, believe me, dear Mr. Ambassador,

Yours very sincerely,

Alfred S. M.