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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1934.

Dear Messersmith:

Your letters of October 17th and 26th and your previous letters were of great help to me the other day in a talk which I had to give on Armistice Day before a group of men. No members of the press were present and I, of course, made no reference to the fact that some of the information came to me from you. The atmosphere which you convey in your letters is helpful to us in getting a proper prospective of the whole.

I am always interested in anything which you tell us about Starhemberg and his ambitions and, of course, all information regarding the financial and economic conditions in Germany is of great importance. While it is difficult to imagine that,

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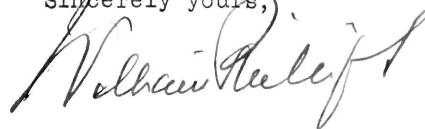
The Honorable  
George S. Messersmith,  
American Minister,  
Vienna.

both economically and financially, Germany is not weakening, actually, of course, we receive reports that conditions within the country are going fairly strong and that the present regime will continue for many a day.

The Secretary has returned after his sojourn of some weeks in Pinehurst much refreshed. He looks a different man.

With renewed thanks for your constant helpfulness,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William H. Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "William H. Hall".