120 BROADWAY NEW YORK

January 16, 1940.

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I am greatly indebted to you for your personal and confidential letter of January 13th. I am afraid you have given me a conclusive answer to my question and it is an answer which we all have to face.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Breckenridge Long at several of the meetings we have had with Mr. Norman H. Davis and I know from the few words I had occasion to exchange with Mr. Long that he fully realizes our difficulties.

I do hope you will let me know before you get to New York. Perhaps it may be possible for me, if you agree, to have a very small number of good friends for a very quiet dinner while you are here.

With kind regards,

Most sinceret yours

Gaeurold, Paul

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