April 13 1939

The Honorable
Sumner Welles,
Under Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Welles:

I am sending you herewith a photograph of the dinner which I was pleased to give in London to the Intergovernmental Committee and others at the conclusion of our meeting on February 13th. Accompanying it is a list of the guests.

Apart from the very worthy subject which called into being and engaged the attention of the Intergovernmental Committee, I believe that throughout the ef-
fort we have created considerable good will among the several governments concerned. I believe this will prove to have future value.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dinner Given at Claridge's, London
by
THE HONOURABLE MYRON TAYLOR

to
the
EVIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES
18th February 1939

Adams, Mr. Walter
Arias, Senor Dr. Don Rodolfo Garcia
Attlee, Rt. Hon. C.R., M.P.
Baker, The Hon. Philip Noel, M.P.
Brooks, Mr. H. E.
Buttersworth, Mr. Walton
Cambon, Monsieur Roger, C.V.O.
Carias, Senor Don Tiburcio
Cecil, Rt. Hon. Viscount
Chapin, Mr. V.
Clark, Colonel Ralph
Colban, Monsieur Erik Andreas
Cooper, Mr. E.M., O.B.E.
Corbin, H.E. Monsieur
Charles, G.C.V.O.
Cotzme, Mr.
de Bustamante, Senor Cesar
Montero
Derly, Monsieur Leon
de Foy, Monsieur
de Mattos, Jonkheer E.
Teixeira
de Negri, Senor Gustavo Luders
de Waterville-Berckheim,
Baron Francois
Duncan-Don, Rt. Hon. Viscount
Emerson, Sir Herbert
Espinosa, Senor Rogelio
Figueroa, Senor Francisco A.
Hier-Davies, Captain H.H.
Hoare, Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel,
Bt., G.C.B.S.I., C.B.E.
Iglesias, Senor Manuel
Rivera
Johnson, Mr. Herschel
Killmann, Mr. G.O.
Le Breton, H.E. Senor
Tomas A.
Linder, Mr.
Lobo, Senor Helio
Makins, Mr. Roger
Monick, Monsieur Emmanuel
Nunan, Mr. Sean
Ocana, Senor Eligio
Pell, Mr. Robert
Penaranda, Senor Juan
Phytz, Monsieur Bjorin Gustav
Planchart, Senor Julio
Plymouth, Rt. Hon. Earl of
Pousette, Monsieur Sven Harald
Puig-Arosemena, Senor Alberto
Reilly, Mr. D. P.
Ross, Sir Frederick Leith
Rotbbill, Monsieur Christian
Rublee, Hon. George
Salter, Sir Arthur, K.C.B.
Schneider, Monsieur J.
Schoenfeld, Mr. R. E.
Shuckburgh, Sir John E., K.C.M.G., C.B.
Sinclair, Rt. Hon. Sir Archibald, Bt., M.P.
Solar, Senor Gabriel Suarez
Taylor, The Hon. Myron
Videla, Senor Humberto
Vieira, Senor Milton Cesar de Weguelin
Von Hartmansdorff, Monsieur A.
Waley, Mr. S. D.
Winterton, Rt. Hon. Earl, M.P.
Zaldumbide, Senor Pallares
April 15, 1939

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I am most appreciative of your kindness in sending me with your note of April 13 a photograph of the dinner which you gave in London at the conclusion of the meeting on February 13 of the Intergovernmental Committee.

I have been very happy to have this photograph, and I say and that I thoroughly share your own opinion that the work which has been done throughout the effort of the Committee has done a great deal to secure good will for this country on the part of the other governments represented.

With many thanks, believe me

Yours very sincerely,

The Honorable
Myron C. Taylor,
71 Broadway,
New York, New York.
June 22, 1939

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I am delighted to see from the newspapers this morning that you have recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital and go to your own home, and I want to express the hope that you may soon be completely recovered and altogether well again.

I had yesterday a conversation with the President with regard to the present situation in connection with the refugee problem, and I told the President that I would communicate to you some of the wishes which he expressed to me in order that I might obtain your reactions.

The President feels -- as you and I do -- that the long delay in the accomplishment of anything concrete by those individuals and organizations that are supposedly most interested in furthering an orderly emigration of Jews from Germany to new homes has obviously placed the German authorities in a position where they can sit back and smile and say that the people who are most vocal in their protests against the German treatment of the Jews have been entirely unwilling to do anything of a practical nature to assist the Jewish refugees. I told the President in this connection that I believed and

The Honorable

Myron C. Taylor,
16 East 70th Street,
New York, New York.

(envelope addressed:
"Killingworth",
Locust Valley,
Long Island,
New York)
hoped that within the next few days the International Foundation would be incorporated, and that as soon as this step had been taken, the German Government, in accordance with the tacit understanding reached, would be obligated to set up a Jewish internal trust in Germany. I told him further that I myself was heartily in accord with the general idea that separate settlement foundations should be set up for each settlement project inasmuch as I believed that was the most businesslike and simple way of handling that side of the problem.

The President believes in that regard that much of the outlay in the settlement projects can be banked and that it should be possible for each individual settlement foundation corporation to sell bonds at a low rate of interest to sympathizers with the objectives being pursued. On that point the President and you are far better judges than I.

Finally, the President is very strongly of the opinion that there is an increasing defeatist psychology with regard to the whole refugee problem. He believes that the orderly and efficient handling of the settlement of refugees from Europe in new homes throughout the world would be a tremendous factor in bringing about peaceful conditions in the world during the years to come. He is of the opinion that this element has not been sufficiently dramatized, and he also believes that too little stress has been laid upon the need of getting over to public opinion both here and in Europe the fact that if migrations of the character envisaged can be successfully carried out, a majority of the individuals resettled will be Christian and only the minority Jewish. Very definitely he believes that some step in the nature of a dramatization of the efforts being made should be undertaken without much delay.
In order to attain the objectives mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the President desires that the Executive Committee of the Intergovernmental Committee be invited to meet with him in Washington over a period of some two days during the first half of next September in order that this Government may discuss through him with the other governments who have representatives on the Executive Committee a concrete and detailed agenda of the most effective manner in which the general purposes which he has in mind may be advanced. I told him that if he undertook this step, it should probably be undertaken by means of an invitation extended by yourself in the name of the President at the July meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee. I said that it seemed to me that any new initiative of this character which the President desired to undertake should be carried out within the existing framework which had been set up as the result of the Evian Conference. To this the President heartily agreed.

I should greatly appreciate it if you will let me have at your convenience your thoughts with regard to the questions I have mentioned above in order that I may discuss the matter further and more fully with the President in the light of your own reaction.

With my kindest regards to you, believe me

Yours very sincerely,
June 28, 1939

My dear Mr. President:

After my last talk with you on the refugee question, I communicated to Myron Taylor the wishes you had expressed to me and in particular the expression of your desire that a meeting be held here in Washington next September under your personal direction of the representatives of the present Executive Committee of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, namely, representatives of Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Brazil, Argentina, and this Government. I indicated to Mr. Taylor that it was my thought that this invitation from you might most appropriately be made known by him at the next meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee which will be held in London on July 15 next. I asked Mr. Taylor if he would send me his reaction to the general plan which I indicated to him.

The President,

The White House.
I have this morning received a letter from him in reply to my letter and I am enclosing a copy of his letter for your information.

At your convenience may I have an opportunity of talking with you again about this subject? Mr. Taylor is planning to sail on July 12 and before he leaves he should have final and definite instructions from you in this regard.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

Enclosure.
From Mr. Myron Taylor,
June 25, 1936.
KILLINGWORTH
LOCUST VALLEY
LONG ISLAND

June 25, 1939

The Honorable
Sumner Welles,
Under Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Welles:

I am very happy to have your letter of June 22d, and
to be able to say that I am at home and making daily im-
provement toward restoration to full vigor. I am pleased
to have put behind me an unpleasant experience and glad
to have removed an uncertainty that might some day have
caused real difficulty—more real, in fact, that I had
imagined. I have greatly appreciated the friendly inter-
est and expressions of yourself and your associates in
the Government.

In response to your letter I am glad to say that we
are in accord upon the general interpretation of the
situation in the realistic sense, and that our procedures
thus far taken have proved constructive and sufficiently
cautious to be safe, the attitude of our Government and
those of us who have been working in its behalf considered.

I am planning to sail on the 12th of July. In the
meantime I hope to have at least one thorough discussion
with you, so that some of the minor questions can be de-
termined definitely. I think it will not be possible for
me to come to Washington until just prior to my departure.
Perhaps in the interim you may find occasion to visit New
York, in which case we could meet here.

Relative to the proposed September meeting of the
executive officers of the Intergovernmental Committee, I
am not quite clear as to the precise objective toward
which its deliberations would be directed. I am wonder-
ing also if you have considered whether in all likelihood
it would be imposing a new obligations on our Government
in a field which, to say the least, is difficult. One of
the chief difficulties in the present situation, as you
know, so far as Jewish refugees are concerned, is three-
fold:

First, it is not clear that there is available a suit-
able area for mass colonization that would be permanently
acceptable to the Jewish refugees. (Their real objective
is to get into settled countries where they can set up their lives in existing communities and in professional, commercial and industrial activities).

Secondly, do the Jewish people really want a new "Palestine" in another part of the world sufficiently to contribute to and permanently develop and support in a large way such activity? (If so, the situs of such development should be easily accessible; it should have a climate, soil and general characteristics that would justify it as the basis for its permanent and costly development.)

Thirdly, is our own Government prepared to contribute or invest perhaps one hundred million dollars to such a development? (If so, would it be willing to use such a sum in development of a scheme in foreign lands; e.g., British Guiana?) We must bear in mind that certainly thus far on the question of finance the British and French Jewish committees have shown no disposition to finance large settlement projects. This has also been the attitude of the British and French governments. The suggestion has been bluntly made that American Jewry and the American Government should do it all.

It seems advisable to consider these questions before the final objective of the proposed September meeting is adopted.

In a day or two I hope to talk with you on the telephone on the whole matter, before you have taken the next step in formulating plans.

With kind regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

MYRON C. TAYLOR
June 28, 1939

Eu - Mr. Hickerson:

I see no reason why Mr. Taylor should not accept the position offered him, but before writing to him I should like to have your views in the matter.
MYRON C. TAYLOR
71 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

June 27 1939

The Honorable
Sumner Welles,
Under Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

By direction of Mr. Taylor we are sending you a copy of letter addressed to him June 10th by H. E. Henry Berenger, President, and H. E. A. F. Frangulis, Secretary of the Academie Diplomatique Internationale in Paris, notifying him of his election to membership in the Society.

Mr. Taylor would appreciate it if you would inform him whether you know of any reason why he should not accept. He would be glad to do so unless there is some departmental rule or policy against it.

Reply may be addressed to Mr. Taylor at Killingworth, Locust Valley, Long Island, N. Y.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. FITCH,
Secretary to Mr. Myron Taylor.
Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor of informing you that the International Diplomatic Academy has elected you in its last plenary meeting, agreeably to the motion expressed by the Board of the Academy, to the vacant Seat of His Exc. General Sherrill, Ambassador from the United States.

I am entrusted by my Colleagues to send on to Your Excellency the result of this vote and this election to the Seat of Titular Member for life of our Society and I take the liberty to join them and ask Your Excellency to accept my personal congratulations.

It will be particularly agreeable to us as soon as the obligations of Your Excellency will permit him to consent to set for us a date when Your Excellency hopes to be in Paris in order to be able to devote to him a Meeting of the International Diplomatic Academy and to receive him.

In the meantime, I ask Your Excellency to consent to send to the International Diplomatic Academy the works which it can eventually publish, the articles, works or speeches which he has made or pronounced in order that these studies might be used for a new edition of the Diplomatic Dictionary which the Academy publishes and to which the more eminent personalities of the Contemporary Diplomatic world have contributed.

I ask your Excellency to consent to accept the assurances of my sentiments of high esteem and my most cordial remembrance.

The President
Ambassador of France:
(Sd) HENRY BERENGER

The General Secretary Perpetual
Plenipotentiary Minister:
(Sd) A. F. FRANGULIS.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE UNDER SECRETARY

Taylor

Phone 4-3545

Bulletin re Berenger
Mr. Welles:

Mr. Dunn left the following message:

He talked to Mr. Myron Taylor and gave him the answers to his questionnaire with the exception of question 10 regarding the September invitation, and question 11 regarding Monick.

The Monick memorandum was on the subject of stabilization of exchange through the establishment of a gold clearing house.

Mr. Taylor will be in his office this afternoon between 2 and 3, Washington time.
Memorandum for
The Honorable
Sumner Welles:

Questions to which I would like general answers before sailing Wednesday:

1. What publicity, if any, regarding my sailing? Personally, I do not favor any, but it is always impossible for me to leave New York without some note being taken of my departure by the press.

2. The suggested statement which I am to make to the Intergovernmental Committee.

3. Remarks for the dinner which I am giving in behalf of the Intergovernmental Committee and others.

4. Upon Pell's retirement shall we elect Achilles Vice Director?

5. What is to be the status of the young man formerly with the Christian Science Monitor who is now working with Mr. Pell in London?

6. Is Mr. Morris to go to London in connection with the Intergovernmental Committee?

7. My suggestion was, and I think Mr. Moffat agreed with it, that the Intergovernmental offices in the future should be in the same suite as those of the League High Commissioner. This would reduce the expense, while still continuing the separate identity of the Intergovernmental office and the Director, combined in the person of the League High Commissioner, Sir Herbert Emerson.
8. It is understood, as stated in the President's letter, that we are free to make a commitment, all other conditions being satisfactory, for a reasonable contribution to the League High Commissioner's office.

9. Shall we take any part in asking other Governments not now members or contributors to the League of Nations to contribute in future as we propose to do?

10. We should have a few further words in regard to the September invitation.

11. In regard to the memorandum which Monick handed to me as I was leaving London, and of which I spoke to you and gave later in the day to the President, will you advise what reply I may make to Monick should I meet him abroad?

You will perhaps find it more convenient if I call you on the telephone, as I shall be in my home in New York, Monday, Tuesday, and until sailing at two o'clock Wednesday.

My home telephone number in New York is Rhinelander-4 5545.

MYRON C. TAYLOR.