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July 19, 1909

Honorable Huntington Wilson,
First Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

I see by the public press that the Honorable Charles R. Crane of Chicago has been appointed Minister to China. It is stated that he is to be in New York to-morrow to confer with New York Bankers. If it is the Minister's intention to spend more than a day or so in New York at this time, I wonder whether you would be good enough to arrange an interview with him for me and thus offer an opportunity of presenting to him a recital of the facts of our negotiations with the Chinese authorities, looking to the extension of trade in American school books with that country? If Mr. Crane is not remaining here long enough at the present time to accord me an interview, I could meet him in Washington if that would be more convenient. I would appreciate a line from you on this subject at your leisure.

Faithfully yours,

Leonard K. Hibbard

July 28, 1909.

My dear Mr. Reibold:

Mr. Crease is laid up just now. The next time he is in Washington I will tell him about you in a way which will make him know who you are, and so forth. Then when he is in New York -- which you will know by the newspapers -- all you will have to do will be to call on him. I do not think he is going to start for China for a month or so, at least.

I am, my dear Mr. Reibold,

Yours sincerely,

Leonard E. Reibold, Esquire,

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Washington Square, New York.