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August 8, 1910.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Herewith I enclose copy of my letter to Mr. Bradley, the principal representative of American potash interests; and also copy of the Wilson law which he was trying to get us to promise in advance to invoke. I think this places this matter where it belongs, but I think it rather important that some time between now and the end of the month Mr. Davis be given an opportunity to lay before you his proposed line of action at Berlin.

Herewith also a letter for your signature to Mr. Love who had asked you to make a peace address; and a letter, which it seems is necessary, reappointing Mr. Hoyt.

I also enclose a memorandum from Mr. Van Dyne who wants to fill the vacancy in the American representation on the International Court at Cairo together with copies of correspondence in 1908 showing that at that time he was the choice of the Department. The position is a life one and pays \$8,000. Of course the American member should

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be a man of creditable attainments, character and standing, and with a good knowledge of international law and extra-territorial procedure,- all of which qualifications Mr. Van Dyne seems to have,- while on the other hand the condition of his health and the fact that he is a little too old schooled have convinced Mr. Clark and me that in the long run he will not be either very efficient or very hard working in his present position. The post is a most delightful plum for anyone with the proper qualifications who wants an easy life, an honorable position and a high salary.

I enclose herewith an account of my interviews in New York on the Honduras loan and an account of my discussion with the bankers on the China affairs.

Mr. Bassett has resigned his post as District Attorney for the United States Court for China to take effect September 1st. The Court opens October 1st by which date we must have the vacancy filled. The Solicitors' office and Far Eastern Division recommend that the Department promote to ^{be} District Attorney Mr. Hinckley, who is now Clerk of the Court. Will you please let me know at an early date whether we may go ahead and do this?

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MEMORANDUM.

The Liberian negotiation seems to have got into rather a mess partly because Paul Warburg is too German, partly because of a certain amount of stupidity on his part and Mr. Falkner's, and for the rest due to the German attitude of duplicity and grasping. I hope by tomorrow to arrive at some conclusions as to the best way to get the matter straightened out and in a better channel for success.

I am looking forward with great interest to hearing how the President's talks with President Montt and with the Ecuadorean Minister came off. Will you please let me know for my enlightenment as to the future course of the Peru-Ecuador negotiation?

Very sincerely yours,

The Honorable P. C. Knox,

c/o Mr. Henry C. Frick,

Prides Crossing, Mass.

Enclosures.