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AMERICAN PLAN

HOTEL GRAFTON
WASHINGTON, D. C.
HARRINGTON MILLS,
PROPRIETOR.

March 8, 1921.

Dear Senator,

My interview with Fletcher, that I said I would report to you, was very pleasant. It seems ^{good} pleasant to have "white men" in the Departments again, - and some friends.

My position, as I explained it to Fletcher, is that if they have something worth while to offer me I should like to consider it. I said I had mentioned Rome Madrid or Tokio to you. He said he did not know that any posts had been promised. And he said I ought to ask you to present my record and case to the President; ^{he expressed the conviction} and that if you asked for anything for me I should get it. I told him of Taft's offer of Petrograd 10 years ago and his later not wanting it publicly recorded, and

and I said that I should want any offer
made me now to be one that could be
part of my record whether I accepted it
or not. I also let him understand that
I, naturally, was not going to enter the
scramble for office. For brevity I state
quite baldly what ~~was~~ ^{were parts of} a very agreeable
talk. Oh, he also said he thought my
place of residence did not matter.

I do hope you will get much
letter in a day or two. I am leaving this
on my way to the train
Yours ever

H.W.

[I had spoken of probably moving
back to Phila. + had said now I might
be accredited to Ills, Pa, or N.J.,
(supposed)]