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Dear Mr. Hay - W.W. 1904
Permit me to ^{say aloud} ~~write~~
to you on behalf of Mr. Hamilton
Wilson, 1st Secretary of this Legation.

Ever since my arrival here
Mr. Wilson has ~~been~~ ^{such} of great
assistance to me and proved
himself so competent, that it
may seem strange that I should
be the one to ask you to find
him another post, but it is
because I feel that he really
deserves a promotion. Six and
a half years in ~~an~~ a Far Eastern
post is a long time indeed
and when a man has done
his work well and preserved

his keen enthusiasm throughout
 all this period he deserves
 well of his Government. The
 record of ^{some of} his. Wilson's work is
 in the Department, but what
 the Department does not know,
 perhaps, is that he has made
 himself persona grata with the
 people to whom he is accredited
 and his conduct ^{scuttlemansly} and bearing
 have done much to raise the
 level of ^{high} esteem in which ^{I found} this
 Legation ^{has been} held ~~on my arrival here.~~

When Mr. Wilson was in
 Washington last winter he
 had a conversation with the

President - in which the latter volunteered the opinion that he would merit a small mission, and twice he assured Mr. Wilson that he would be given a mission the first opportunity that offered. I bring this to your knowledge in order to show that Mr. Wilson has been encouraged to think that his patience would be rewarded with advancement - and that therefore his present desire to have his name brought forward is not unwarranted. In fact his whole bearing has been one of great modesty and when

The President suggested a small European mission Mr. Wilson said that a First Secretaryship of Embassy ^{was} ~~would be~~ the most he hoped for.

Please bear Mr. Wilson well in mind, dear Mr. Day. As I said before seven years in a Far Eastern post is a very long time. He is going home ^{to be February} ~~next Spring~~
Very sincerely,

married to a beautiful and charming American girl ~~in the~~ and it would be very hard for him to come back here again. Even though the loss is mine I hope you will find a good place for him before the Spring.

Very sincerely,