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December 12, 1910.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Now that we have the good news that Paredes has instructions to sign I have directed that the English and Spanish texts of the Convention be printed ready for signature. I also wired Jennings suggesting that Paredes come down here Thursday. In view of the endless toil it has taken to reach this point one cannot help feeling nervous lest the Dávila Government should be overthrown before we get the Convention signed.

All concerned here agree with me that a telegram like the following should be sent to Fox:

"As a more precise basis for discussion and early agreement the Department would be very willing to receive by cable from you a draft convention prepared by the Ecuadorian Government and embodying what they propose."

In this way we should get on record their definite proposition; we could then prune their draft down and submit our own as a rejoinder. All delay seems so dangerous in view of the great importance of the matter and of the efforts to upset it which we may expect I think we should rush the thing through pretty rapidly. Will you please wire

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me tomorrow: "all right" or "no" so that I may send the telegram or not as you prefer?

Anderson was here today but I have not seen him. From what he has said to others I fear he is going to decline. I suspect that if he were told that if he declined his services would not be needed any longer for outside work he might then change his mind. Apropos of this with a good Counsellor and a strong Solicitor's office I do not see that we need any outside legal assistance. I think the Solicitor's office would be strengthened by making Van Dyne Consul-General at Constantinople. I wonder if you are still considering the Clarke-Dennis combination.

Trusting that you are having a good time in New York and with apologies for pursuing you with official matters I remain always
Yours very sincerely,

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