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July 17, 1942.

Charles Lyon Chandler, Esq.,
c/o The Corn Exchange National Bank,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Chandler,

How are you and how is your charming wife? I suppose you are still with the Bank, and doing some war-work on the side.

As I may have told you last time wemmet, I am, as befits my age, writing my recollections. The other day I was writing about the first real examination for any branch of the Foreign Service that was ever held. I found myself writing of you, and of the incredible fact that your papers were so surpassingly excellent that I read them a second time for the pleasure of the thing.

Now I am writing chapters dealing with 1909-1913 in Washington. I kept no diaries. I have a lot of heterogenous papers, - and the nearest library 34 miles away (at Yale). How many of my problems, of dates &c., a few hours with you would have solved! I wish we might meet; but hoe, with gasoline rationing?

I am trying to make my book a sincere autobiography, - recollections, phylosophical reflections, experiences, and events. I am trying to sprinkle it with anecdote enough to prevent over-weight. If you have any special recollections of those ancient days that you think might fit in, and if some evening you are in a reminiscent mood, do send them along.

I am amazed at how much I vividly recall, and I can now see myself through that period; but your marvellous memory may recall things that are germain and that I have forgotten.

Please give our best to Mrs. Chandler, and believe me always

Yours very sincerely