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June 14, 1909.

My dear Mr. President:

Seemingly with a good deal of regret Mr. Delano declines the Chinese mission on account of the consideration of his family circumstances and the career he is now making. In a way he intimates that he is subject to your command, but his remarks scarcely amount to a practical modification of his statement that he would not be prepared to accept the offer of this mission if you should honor him with it.

Copies of Mr. Delano's letters to Mr. Knox and to Mr. Dickinson are submitted herewith.

From what the Secretary of War tells me I gather that Mr. Delano fully understands that the tentative inquiry made is to be treated permanently as absolutely confidential.

I am, my dear Mr. President, with great respect,

Yours sincerely,

Walter P. Wilson

To the President.