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June 22, 1909.

My dear Mr. Reid:

Many thanks for your kind telegram about the vacancy in the list for presentation at court and also for your note of the 8th instant.

Before wiring you a reply I inquired of the President and of the Secretary of State whether either had in mind someone then abroad who it was particularly desired should benefit by the vacancy caused by the disappearance of Mrs. Black. There was none, so I trust you yourself had a suitable candidate. From my own experience with garden parties in Tokyo I feel particularly sympathetic with your Embassy in all the horrors and exasperations of arranging your sixteen presentations a year without the mournful result of sixteen ungrateful and several hundred enraged citizens.

Again thanking you for your considerate effort to give us an opportunity to select a person for the vacancy upon the list, I remain, my dear Mr. Reid,

Yours sincerely,

The Honorable Whitelaw Reid,
American Ambassador,
London.