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Private.

December 21, 1909.

My dear Lloyd:

Your note of yesterday about George Cabot Ward reaches me this morning.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Ward and Ward at the Parsons's at dinner last year and I thought them both exceedingly agreeable. Herbert Parsons was telling me last night of Ward's inclination for the diplomatic service. You will notice from the nominations already made that there is in any case no vacancy.

When I saw Ward last year when he was Auditor of Porto Rico, I spoke of the diplomatic service and he astonished me by not wishing to consider a secretaryship. Personally, I do not quite see how he could well be passed in as a chief of mission over the heads of men like Garrett, -- especially when New York's quota is so dreadfully over full. I do not doubt
that he has

The Honorable Lloyd C. Griscom,
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that he has good qualifications. Possibly there is some other branch of the Government service which might appeal to him, or might he not do important service in some big private enterprise in Latin America?

The Diplomatic Reception at the White House is January fourth, at nine-thirty in the evening. Lucy and I shall be very glad if you and Else will come over and stop with us from Sunday, the second, till Wednesday, the fifth; or if you have other engagements, will you not come Tuesday for the reception and spend the night? I know I promised to write you about this promptly and I am guilty of a failure to do so. Please let me know whether we can have the pleasure of having you come.

With affectionate regards to Else, I remain always,

Yours very sincerely,

Woodrow Wilson