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June 16, 1909.

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

There will be no set speeches on the occasion of the presentation by the Turkish Ambassador of his credentials from the new sovereign Mehmed V, but it would be quite appropriate, in response to any casual remarks the Ambassador may make, for the President to make some little informal remark of felicitation, as, for instance, to say that he had been interested in reading the Sultan's address to the Turkish Parliament, which seemed to foreshadow such a fine era in the affairs of that ancient and important Empire. (The fact is that the new Sultan's address, as well as all else we hear of him, indicate him to be a progressive and well meaning ruler, under whom constitutional government, religious liberty and material and political reform and progress are likely to flourish).

The Secretary of State will be at the White House a few minutes before 2:15 in order to be with the President on the occasion and to present the Ambassador to him. Of course, the President knows the Ambassador, but this little ceremony is appropriate, owing

to the fact of the Ambassador's new character as the personal
representative of a different person, the new Sovereign.

Yours sincerely,

Huntington Wilson.

Fred W. Carpenter, Esquire,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.