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## Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Joe Mitchell Chappel, June 19, 1909

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June 19, 1909.

Mr. Joe Mitchell Chappel,  
The National Magazine,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Many months ago you requested me to write an article for your magazine. Last January I wrote an article on the Department of State and the diplomatic service and sent it to you at that time. I had written it really as a tract for what it might be worth, intending to help drag down the popular misconceptions about the foreign service, and my sole object was that it should be printed this spring, when for many reasons it happens to be more than ordinarily opportune. I sent it to you because I thought the circulation of your magazine would make it likely to reach people willing to listen to some account of this little-known branch of the Government. I am very much disappointed that it has not yet been printed. Please let me know by return mail whether or not it will be in your July number.

Yours very faithfully,

By *Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
*Henry M. Bruce*  
Private Secretary.

Dictated by H.W.

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