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Dear Mrs. Hull:

On this morning of the New Year may I renew, by letter, the affectionate good wishes I have just sent by telegram to Mr. Hull and yourself. Somehow, I have the feeling that we shall all have reason greatly to rejoice ere the months of 1942 have run their course.

I shall never be able to tell you what the dinner party and evening spent with Mr. Hull and yourself, at your loveliest of apartments at the Wardman Park Hotel, will always mean to me. I was more touched than words can express by the evidences of your friendship, so apparent from the different pictures of myself which I saw in so many places. I hope you and Mr. Hull will believe that the friendship I cherish for both of you lies equally deep in my heart.

Please see that Mr. Hull gets all the rest he can possibly take, and tell him not to be anxious about anything. His vision, for over so long a period of time, has shaped American policy so clearly and so truly that all nations have long since come to recognize his prophetic insight, and to trust his judgment, and in all things to fully believe in his integrity.

It makes me very proud to feel that I have been privileged to enjoy with Mr. Hull so close and intimate a friendship through the years that history will record as the most momentous the world has known. May God continue to give to him strength sufficient for each day's task, and spare you to each other through many years to come.

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