Berlin,June 7,1909.

Dear Mr. Hosbitt:

I took a run over to Boston on Saturday, and so did not receive until this merning your kind letter of the 4th inst.

I need hardly say that I am deeply grateful for your generous congratulations. I might add that of notes received from members of the Commens, extending congratulations, it was an especial pleasure that the first to be spened should have been from my deek mate in the House. I deeply approciate your generous thought in writing me, as well as your good vishes for the possible compaign.

As to your postoript: It is not intended to add to the staff of the Department. The only possible appointments are those of a stenegrapher and a French translator.for which provision was made in the estimates

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