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Madame:

I have kept bright my memories from glorious days a good many years ago in the land of romance, Sunny California, and therefore I was delighted to receive recently some American periodicals from William Randolph Hearst, Sax Sineon and a letter from the former Secretary of State, the winner of the Nobel Peace Award, Honorable Cordell Hull, with good wishes of encouragement and hope for the future. As a former employe in the American Foreign Service during eight years I also appreciated a friendly letter recently from the former Ambassador to Japan, Joseph C. Grew and the Apostolic Delegation in London, sent me the other day an evangelic message from the Segretaria di Stato di Sua Santita, dal Vaticano, assuring me of the Holy Father's prayer that God bless me abundantly. This angelic message from His Holiness was a source of greatest happiness and comfort to me. The sweet songs of deliverance from earthly woes, for those who turn to God for salvation, have lightened the path of pilgrims in all countries and in Luke first chapter we have the exquisite narrative of the spiritual exaltation when Mary becomes conscious of the angelic promises of the coming of the son of the Highest. Although I have read the Bible frequently and attended the Bible school of the Baptist Mission and also delivered the message of salvation from the pulpit, this seemed to me a mystery in many ways, however, I have now gained a better understanding of the Holy Scriptures and nothing in life is more wonderful than faith, a great moving force. A starting point for right endeavor. In closing this letter may I congratulate you to the Nobel Prize. A well-known writer has said, "It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own." I have been a patient at this hospital during the past two years suffering from a light neuritis and thanks to the good doctors and the loving nurses I have been lifted from a pit of depression and found that medical psychology is the light of God's Grace to humanity and now I am looking for a fit sphere of activity. To this effect I have mailed my application for a position at the UNO's secretariat if I can be of some service to my fellowmen in building up the peace.

With every good wish, I remain, Sincerely yours,

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