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to Hugh G. Grant, 1939 April 19**

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Rome, April 19, 1939

Mr. Hugh G. Grant
Minister of the United States
American Legation,
Tirana.

Dear Mr. Minister :

I have thought of you often in these days while the Albanian mission was being feted in Rome and while listening to Count Ciano justify the Italian occupation of the country before the Chamber of Deputies. I have been wondering what sort of an atmosphere you have been living in during these days following the crisis and what your future status as Minister would be.

On my return to Rome I called on Mr. Phillips, who was very glad to receive the messages I brought him from you and eager to learn of the events in Albania. I told him the story of our experiences, not neglecting to mention the easy chair, which he found very amusing.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking you again for the very many things you did to help me in difficult circumstances. I should like also again to express my appreciation to Mrs. Grant for her considerate and gracious hospitality under unusual conditions. Among the many vivid impressions I shall retain of those days there always will be the recollection of her admirable calm and competence.

Would you also be so kind as to remember me to the members of your staff, especially Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Adam, whose generous assistance I much appreciated. I hope my activities left no legacies for Mr. Hoffmann and that Mr. Adam was able to wed on schedule. If he did, would you tell him I send my congratulations ?

I hope to be able to include in this letter some prints of the photos I made. The photographer has been slow in producing them, but has promised they would be ready today. The official Italian photo agencies beat me out with first photos of the troops' arrival, but my shot of the bridge of Shjak was an exclusive.

Sincerely,
Charles H. Guphill