

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Hill:

I am arranging
to take Mrs. Lamont
and the children South
soon after the inauguration
but will not go

before seeing you in
New York -

Stetson was over here
for a day or two
last ~~week~~ and was
rather inquisitive but
I told him little -

He says you are to
be in control of the

property undoubtedly
- unless the Germans
have other ideas -

There are things here
which he wanted me
to do for the h. P.
and I have been of
some service -

My fear is that you
may be embarrassed

by an announcement
some of these days
that I am to go into
the organization. I
hear it frequently -

I have studied the
Standard & the people
and the Mutual Life
that I cannot join
them.

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Alonzo Payne has been
here this week and
is most enthusiastic
over the prospects.

I shall take my
family to the
Katie Netherlands on
their return from the

Saunders and am anxious
to get to work
wherever I can be
of service

The Cuban thing is
in bad shape. Lee
is an out and out
Juigo - wants a
war and thinks

he has some personal
capital to make -

He is likely to be
summoned here to
prevent any further
indiscretions there
during the few
days remaining to
this administration
I wanted like to

hear from you by
mail.

Sincerely yours

Samuel Amundson

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