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President of the N.Y. Chamber of Commerce.

My dear Sir.

I enclose herewith a copy of some correspondence which has recently passed between the President of the Panama Canal Company, the French Mknister of Foreign Affairs, the Consul General of France and myself, in reference to a communication which I had the hobor to submit to the Chamber at its last regular meeting.

As the correspondence relates to a matter with which your Chamber is only less concerned than myself I trust I am not mistaking my duty in placing it under your eye.

Yours very respectfully

John Bigelow.