ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON August 29, 1939. My dear Mr. Ryti: It was indeed good of you to write me congratulating me on my appointment as Assistant Secretary of State and Chairman of the Executive Committee on Commercial Policy. I appreciate greatly your good wishes and the sentiments you express for the development of friendly trade relations. I shall do my utmost to assist in making the Hull program a contribution to increased world trade and stability. I am hopeful that the Economic Committee of the League of Nations may have an opportunity before long to make a genuine contribution to the type of world economic relations for which both you and I stand. It would be very fine if you could pay us a visit in America when things quiet down in Europe. Very sincerely yours, Mr. M. R. Ryti, Suomen Pankki, Helsinki, Finland.