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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I entirely approve of your suggestion about requesting the Navy Department to put the gunboat **PETREL** at the service of Mr. Osborn for his visit to Haiti and Santo Domingo. I take it for granted that it is within our legal power to do so without incurring unauthorized expenditures.

I am greatly interested, as you know, in Governor Osborn's visit to the island and think that he is just the right man to make it.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

Hon. William Jennings Bryan,

Secretary of State.