American Groups In Berlin Vigorously Deny That Einstein Was Mistreated

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BERLIN, Dec. 10—The Einstein visa case leaped into new prominence today when the governing board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany, the American Women's Club and the American Club of Berlin, representing the entire American colony in Germany, sent a strongly worded appeal to the Secretary of State at Washington demanding correction of the statements, spread by certain newspapers, that the savant had been treated like a schoolboy by Consul General George S. Messersmith, and expressing their faith in him and in Consul Raymond H. Geist.

The 500-word cable was sent, the board explained, because Messersmith had not even met Einstein, and was not in Berlin the day the professor called at the Consulate, and because of their conviction that every visitor there is treated with due respect.

"The understandings which have characterized the public account of it's incident and which misled certain American associations are best illustrated by the fact that the particular object of criticism, Consul General George S. Messersmith, has never met Professor Einstein," the cable reads in part.

The appeal emphasizes the fact that Messersmith is anything but a bureaucrat, that he had enjoyed literally unparalleled prestige and popularity in the capital, and that the service provided by the Consulate General can only be described as exemplary.

"We are convinced," the message continues, "that correction of the misapprehensions on which the criticism was based is necessary and will be welcomed by those misled by false information."

The cable carries the signature of Frederick Wirth, Jr., president of the American Club, Mrs. Claire Schandein Best, president of the American Women's Club, and H. B. Peirce, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany.