Berlin, Germany, June 20, 1933.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I want to take the liberty of calling your attention to the strictly confidential despatch of this Consulate General, No. 1369 of June 17, giving a resume of the present status of the social, economic and political situation of the Jews in Germany. I have prepared this despatch in order that the Department may have a clear picture of what is the actual situation of the Jews in Germany at this time. Some of the people from home who have been coming here, have got the right picture, and others have not, and I thought it best to give the Department so far as is possible these busy days, a picture of the situation as it now is.

I also want to call your particular attention to my despatch No. 1370 of June 19, giving a resume of the major aspects of the economic and political situation in Germany to-day. This despatch is unfortunately rather long, but I venture to believe that it will be worth-while your reading it in its entirety as it does give I believe a correct picture of what the actual situation here is to-day in the economic field and, so far as I could in the time at my disposal, of the political situation. It may be rather difficult
difficult to believe that there is no over-
statement in this despatch, but I think I can
assure you that the picture given, startling
as it may be, is correct. I have become more
pessimistic recently as I feel that they are
bound here definitely on the road towards
experimentation which is bound to be extremely
dangerous and which makes it practically impossible
for us or for any other country to carry on any
worth-while negotiations or conversations with
the German Government.

Both despatches are going forward in the
courrier pouch to-day. Both Gordon and I are
being kept extremely busy, for Germany is one of
the busiest trouble factories these days in a world
filled with trouble, and it seems that most of
these troubles in some way or other strike us.
Fortunately my health is excellent and the long
hours and the strain have so far done me no harm.
I know that the task which you have at home must
be an extraordinarily difficult one, and I often
think of you. My wife joins me in very good
wishes to you both.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith.

The Honorable
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