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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH DR. METZNER IN THE  
REICHS MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, WITH RESPECT TO  
DR. FARMER LOEB.

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Supplementing my conversation with Dr. Stuckert in the Prussian Ministry of Culture, with regard to Dr. Farmer Loeb, I called at the Reichs Ministry of the Interior, but as Minister Frick and Staatssekretar Dr. Pfundtner were both away I talked with Dr. Metzner, the personal Referent of the Minister. I explained to him the circumstances in the Loeb case as set forth in my conversation with Dr. Stuckert (my memorandum of September 12). Dr. Metzner agreed that it would be advisable if anything were done, to have it done now. He said that the law creating titles might not appear for months and was not so optimistic about its appearance in the future, as Dr. Stuckert. I stated that this was the more reason why the case of Dr. Loeb should be settled before he left. I told him that if the Reichs Ministry of the Interior removed its objections, the Prussian Ministry of Culture would name Dr. Loeb a professor, and I would give my personal guarantee that he would resign immediately, retaining only the title. Dr. Metzner was apparently favorably impressed and I believe will bring the matter in a favorable light to the Minister to-morrow when he returns. He stated that he could make no decision or comment as the matter lay entirely in the hands of the Minister. I did not fail to emphasize that the case would not create a precedent as the case of Dr. Loeb is the only one which could arise in the case of an American. I also emphasized the favorable effect it would have in many circles if this simple act of justice were done to Dr. Loeb without delay, as the action of the authorities already had destroyed the fruits of a career and of a practice which he had built up for himself in Berlin, all because he happens to be a Jew.

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American Consul General.

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the signed original.