My dear Messersmith:

With reference to your letter of October 4, 1934, and enclosure, relative to certain remarks about Kliefoth made by Mr. Kuh of the United Press, I am unable to find any trace of a despatch in which Mr. Kuh is criticized unfavorably either by Mr. Kliefoth or anyone else who has been stationed in our Embassy at Berlin.

The Division of Communications and Records has made a determined search, but there is no information whatever on this subject. It would have been impossible, therefore, for anyone in the Department to have shown Kuh the despatch, as claimed by him in the conversation which Pell reported.

No communication has been received by the Department from Kuh in criticism of Kliefoth, but, if anything of this nature is received, your letter will

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Minister,
Vienna.
will furnish the Department with valuable background for a reply.

I may add that a copy of your letter and enclosure has been furnished to the Division of Current Information for its information.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]