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Subject: TRANSMITTING A BRIEF RESUME OF SOME MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN SITUATION TODAY AS SEEN FROM VIENNA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my confidential despatch No. 378, of October 11, 1935, with which I transmitted a resume of the general European situation as seen from Vienna at that time, and to transmit herewith a brief resume of the situation as I see it today from this capital.

I have prepared this resume as of possible interest...
interest to the Department in view of the increased
impeitus which has been given to cooperation among
the South-Eastern European states through the visit
of Chancellor Schuschnigg to Prague, by the recent
London and Paris conversations, and by the visit of
the Minister President of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Hodza,
now in progress to Paris, Belgrade, Bucharest and
Vienna. In all these conversations the measures
necessary to maintain the independence of Austria
as the primary factor in the maintenance of peace
in South-Eastern Europe and in Europe as a whole were
in the foreground. As this movement towards increased
economic and political cooperation among the states
of South-Eastern Europe will undoubtedly be the
subject of intense and earnest diplomatic activity
in many capitals, and will be based on close coopera-
tion within the structure of the League of Nations
and the policy of collective security, the résumé
herein transmitted of the situation in various
European states as seen from Vienna may be of particu-
lar interest to the Department at this time.

Respectfully yours,

George S. Messersmith.

Enclosure:
Résümé of European
situation.

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