England, January 29, 1939

Dear Sir:

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Now for something of great importance. I enclose the following documents:

(1) Document Nr. 5 being a record of my talk with Mr. X on December 4th. He returned to Germany the next day and is there at this moment.

(2) A separate and distinct memorandum which I prepared with Mr. ... last night. It is based on information which he obtained from friends of Mr. X when in Paris just over two weeks ago. It really should have been written earlier but the pressure of other urgent matters has delayed this.

I sent it this morning to London to Sir Robert Vansittart by special messenger. It was delivered around 1 p.m. and should have been in the hands of Lord Halifax and the PM this afternoon.

We rushed it through because the PM is speaking in Birmingham tomorrow. We only hope that it may prove the deciding influence in making him take a FIRM and CLEAR stand.

The next two or three weeks will be gravely critical, but without question a strong speech by the PM tomorrow blazing the trail for a great MORAL OFFENSIVE might at this eleventh hour cause the moderates (led by X.) to tip the scales in the right direction.

Yours very sincerely,

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