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Vienna, October 19, 1936.

Dear Dunn:

With my confidential despatch No. 894 of September 10 I sent to the Department a long memorandum comparing the situation in certain fundamental aspects towards the middle of 1914 and 1936. Our Military Attaché here, Colonel Shallenberger, is an unusually well informed man and has very good judgment of political factors, and is as well a man of very real discretion. I gave him our office copy of this memorandum to read and he expressed very considerable interest in it. He said that he found it such an unusually helpful presentation of the situation that he thought it would be a document which would have particular interest and value to his people in Washington, and expressed the hope that the Department might make available a copy for his people if it had not already done so.

Although the memorandum is a confidential document, I can see no reason from here why M.I.D. should not be permitted to see it for its confidential background, and if you can see no objection I would appreciate very much, in view of Colonel Shallenberger's request to me, your making a copy available to them through the liaison officer of the War Department.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

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