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## AMERICANS BACK U. S. CONSULATE IN EINSTEIN QUIZ

### *Cable Stimson He Was Treated Courteously.*

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BERLIN, Dec. 10. — The departure of Prof. Albert Einstein and his wife for the United States today left official and semi-official representatives of America in Germany in the throes of steaming indignation.

The American Chamber of Commerce, the American Women's club, and the American club of Berlin dispatched a cable to Secretary of State Stimson. The three groups protested against what they termed the grossly exaggerated and distorted description of the scientist's visit to the American consulate to secure his visa. The message assured Mr. Stimson that an investigation showed the "consulate general in Berlin received Prof. Einstein with the courtesy due one of his international-reputation."

The groups pointed out that every foreigner wishing to enter the United States must comply with "certain formalities," and added: "We know that the consulate general carried out these unavoidable legal formalities with every consideration."

#### Consul General at Breslau.

Several press agencies claimed that spokesmen for Einstein criticized Consul General George S. Messersmith for the way he questioned Einstein, but Messersmith was not in Berlin on Monday when the scientist appeared. He was in Breslau. The governing boards of the American clubs contend that this proves the inaccuracy of the reports circulated concerning Einstein's experience at the consulate.

Before leaving Berlin today, Einstein, when questioned about the incident, shrugged his shoulders and said he wished that "nobody had made such a fuss." He hushed his wife when she started to make some remarks about "red tape officials being almost the same world over."

When he called at the consulate Einstein was interviewed by Consul Raymond H. Geist, who is admittedly one of the most zealous of students of science and old literature. He has never been known to speak of culture in the tone of levity occasionally adopted by members of the American colony when Europe's ponderous professors appear slightly overbearing toward young America.