



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. Messersmith:

I have received and read with very great interest your letter of January 18, 1937, enclosing a copy of your letter of January 16 to Judge Moore. Some of the incidents which occurred in the background in Germany seem to have been decisive in the course chosen.

Your despatch transmitting the Leopold memorandum presents an interesting question of just how many national socialists or "nationalists" there are among Austria's 7,000,000 population who think as he does.

With regard to the new Ministers likely to be ousted from the cabinet, has Austria a wealth of potential cabinet material without employment of some of the leaders not in accord with Schuschnigg?

Sincerely yours,

James C. Dunn

The Honorable

George S. Messersmith,

American Minister,

Vienna.