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Berlin, Germany, July 25, 1933.

Ralph C. Bussar, Esquire,
American Consul,
Leipzig.

Dear Mr. Bussar:

I have your letter of July 24 with reference to the attack on Mr. Philip Zuckerman in Leipzig on July 16 by a group of uniformed members of a storm detachment of the National Socialist Party. I note that on July 18 Major Knoke, the Police President of Leipzig, telephoned you to the effect that the mistreatment of Mr. Zuckerman by members of the S.A. had already been reported to him and that he had immediately ordered the necessary inquiries but that unfortunately the investigation had led to no result. I also note that he said that the S.A. men who attacked Mr. Zuckerman had presumably taken part in the gathering at Leipzig on July 16 of uniformed members of the National Socialist Party from all parts of Saxony and that the perpetrators of the assault were evidently among out of town S.A. men who after the parade left Leipzig. You state that at the conclusion of the telephone conversation the Police President apologized for the assault and said that he would not fail to take the necessary steps if the perpetrators could be identified.

You further state that on Saturday, July 22, the Police President again telephoned you, stating that he had been asked by his superiors at Dresden to investigate the attack on Mr. Zuckerman. The Police President stated that he had not been able to determine who had actually committed the

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attack and that at the conclusion of the conversation he inquired whether the Consulate was satisfied with the investigation which the police had made.

In this connection I have to inform you that on July 21 I took up the attack on Mr. Zuckerman with Staatssecretar Schlegelberger in the Prussian Ministry of Justice; with Staatssecretar Grauert in the Prussian Ministry of the Interior; and with Dr. Pfundtner in the Reichs Ministry of the Interior. I also discussed it with the head of the State Secret Political Police as well as with a representative of Mr. Goering. I was informed by all of them that they recognized the seriousness of the attack and that the perpetrators must be found and appropriately punished by the courts. I emphasized the fact that in this case the S.A. men must be found, arrested and brought before the appropriate tribunals just like any other individuals; and to this statement all of the above mentioned officials agreed and gave me their assurances to that effect.

You will therefore according to our telephone conversation this afternoon, call personally on the Police President today and inform him that our Government is satisfied that if the proper investigation is made the attackers of Mr. Zuckerman can be identified and arrested. You will please inform him that I have the assurances of the Ministries of the Interior of the Reich and of Prussia as well as of the Ministry of Justice of Prussia, that the S. A. men will be found, arrested and punished. You will therefore state that the investigation which has been made so far is not considered by us in any sense as satisfactory; and that no investigation will be considered as satisfactory which has not led to the identification and arrest of all those who it can be determined were involved in the attack. You will please write me after you have made this statement to the

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Police President of Leipzig, in order that our record may be complete.

I shall in the meantime inform the officials of Prussia and of the Reich here with whom I originally took up this case, that the police investigation in Leipzig has not been satisfactory and that I expect to have early news of the arrest and imprisonment of the S.A. men involved.

Very sincerely yours,

George S. Messersmith,
American Consul General.

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