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TO THE EDITORS OF THE NATION:

The Nation is to be congratulated for pointing out that Consul General Messersmith was outrageously misrepresented—and by supposedly careful news associations at that—in the Einstein affair. It is a pity that more of those newspapers which foamed at the mouth over our alleged national humiliation through the supposedly “incompetent and stupid conduct” of the Berlin Consul General’s office did not take the trouble to find out the facts. Messersmith is an educator and scholar and is regarded by the Germans as the “best type of foreign representative in Berlin.” So also are his first assistant, Mr. Geist, and his second assistant, Mr. Follmer.

Much of the pro-Einstein flurry in Berlin is about equal to the hysterical belief that in the United States we have no physicists, no astronomers, no mathematicians who can do more than sit anxiously at the table with Einstein in the hope of picking up a few crumbs of scientific truth as they fall from his esoteric lips.

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