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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTING CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM OF CON-
VERSATION WITH THE AUSTRIAN SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the confidential information of the Department, a memorandum of an informal conversation which I had with the Austrian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Schmidt, on the evening of February 16. In view of the statements which have appeared in the foreign press and of the impression of some of the diplomatic observers here that Dr.

Schmidt

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Schmidt was leaning strongly towards Germany, this memorandum is, I believe, of particular interest.

Respectfully yours,

George S. Messersmith.

Enclosure:

1. Memorandum.

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