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Subject: TRANSMITTING MEMORANDUM ON THE VISIT
OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, DR. SCHMIDT, TO BERLIN.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a
strictly confidential memorandum, dated November
24, 1936, in which I give the information so far
available here concerning the visit of Dr. Schmidt,
the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to
Berlin recently. Although I have seen Dr. Schmidt
on several occasions since his return from Berlin,
I did not deem it advisable to use these opportunities

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for brief contact to secure any information concerning his Berlin visit. The information given in the accompanying memorandum is based on a conversation which one of my most interested colleagues had with Dr. Schmidt, and may, I believe, be taken as a fairly full and accurate statement of the Berlin conversations. I have from another interested colleague, who also had a conversation with Dr. Schmidt on this subject recently, information which in every respect confirms that in the appended memorandum. In both cases the information was given to me in strict confidence and with the request that I use it only for the confidential information of our Government.

The mail leaves today and I am not able to comment on this memorandum in this despatch. I may have some further observations to make on this memorandum in a despatch which I hope to prepare within the next few days.

Respectfully yours,

GSM/lap.

George S. Messersmith.

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Enclosure:

1. Memorandum.