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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTING MEMORANDUM OF A CONVERSATION  
WITH GENERAL JANEA, THE HEAD OF THE GENERAL  
STAFF OF THE AUSTRIAN ARMY.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Washington.

Sir:

1/ I have the honor to transmit herewith for the confidential information of the Department a memorandum of a conversation which I had in my home with General Janca who has just returned from Berlin to Vienna. He was for several years the Military Attaché in Berlin at the Austrian Legation and has now been brought back to Vienna as head of the newly organized General Staff of the Army.

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He had been sent to Berlin as Military Attaché as he is one of the most highly considered and intelligent officers in the Austrian Army. He is a particularly keen and discriminating observer and I always found him, during the time I knew him in Berlin, most objective and most careful in his comment. His observations on the German situation, in view of his former and present position, will therefore I believe have some interest for the Department.

Respectfully yours,

George S. Messersmith.

Enclosure:

1. Memorandum of conversation with General Janca.

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