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Personal and confidential

Dear Geist:

Thanks very much for your long and interesting letter of February 15. The information which you give me and the comment which you make are very helpful and I appreciate your taking this time out of busy days to write me. Our thoughts as usual seem to run along the same line. I am particularly interested in what you say concerning the effects which recent events have had within the country and I think we may look forward to increasing personal rivalries. Perhaps they will still eat each other up. Perhaps we may be disappointed in this just as we were in the Army. In any vent, they are far from being out of the woods.

There are increasing evidences, I may tell you for your very confidential information, of activity by German, Japanese and Italian agents in this country. We are following this matter very carefully. Any information which you or the other consular officers in Germany can give us concerning visas granted to persons of an official or semi-official character who are coming here is very helpful as it enables us to keep track of them. We took the other day in New York a man who confesses that he was a German agent and who we were able to get because he was impersonating the Secretary and trying to get some blank passports. We have to reckon with the fact that most of these people who are coming over here are not getting visas and not traveling on German passports but may be traveling on our own or on those of other countries. Any information along this line which you think would be helpful, I would be glad to have you send us and you may be sure that it does not go into the files. We follow these things very carefully.

*Geist, Raymond H.*

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This is just a word to tell you how much I appreciate your letter and comment.

Faithfully yours,

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