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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,  
Berlin, Germany, July 28, 1933.

SUBJECT: Transmitting translation of interview given  
by me, which appeared in the "Berliner Boersen  
Courier" of July 2, 1933.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a clipping from the "Berliner Boersen Courier" of July 2, 1933, in which there is a report of an interview which I gave to a correspondent of this paper and which is entitled: "Man muss ganz Deutschland kennen!". There is also transmitted herewith a translation of the article.

The Department will note that the interview is quite harmless and contains nothing to which exception could be taken; but I should like to explain nevertheless, why I gave an interview to a German newspaper at this time when this might be accompanied by some danger. The two evening financial papers of Berlin are the "Berliner Boersen Courier" and the "Berliner Boersen Zeitung". The "Boersen Courier" has always been a very reliable newspaper, while the "Boersen Zeitung" for some time before March 5 was already quite radical and often very

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critical in its articles with respect to the United States. When Mr. Todtman of the "Boersen Courier" told me that he would like to have me give him an interview for his paper, I felt that I should do so if I possibly could in order to help a newspaper which has in the last years been reasonable and almost uniformly friendly to us. As Mr. Todtman himself is a man in whom I could have confidence, I gave him an interview to form a part of the series: "How Berlin diplomats understand their mission".

The Department will note that the other interview which appeared in the same number of the "Boersen Courier" was given by Count de Kerchove, the Belgian Minister in Berlin.

I am told that the reaction to the interview which I gave was quite good, and as it has nothing of any significance in it or to which objection can be taken, I feel that it was the best thing to give it.

Respectfully yours,

George S. Messersmith,  
American Consul General.

Enclosure:  
Clipping;  
Translation thereof.

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the signed original.  
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