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Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch No. 70,  
of July 30, 1934, from the American  
Legation, Vienna.

TRANSLATION.

My dear Herr von Papen:

In consequence of the events in Vienna I have been compelled to propose to the Reich President the removal of the German Minister in Vienna, Dr. Meißner, from his post, because, at the demand of Austrian Ministers or Austrian insurgents, and without consulting the German Government, he showed himself ready to give his consent to an arrangement reached between these two parties for a safe conduct and withdrawal of the insurgents to Germany. The Minister thereby, without any reason, implicated the German Reich in an internal affair of Austria.

The attack on the Austrian Federal Chancellor, which the Reich Government must sharply condemn and regret, has aggravated, through no fault of ours, the already unstable political situation of Europe. It is accordingly my wish to contribute to a relaxation of the tension in the general situation, and particularly to see the relations with the German-Austrian State, which have long been troubled, led once more into normal and friendly paths.

For this reason I address to you, my dear Herr von Papen, the request to undertake this important task, precisely because during our collaboration in the Cabinet you have possessed and possess my fullest and unlimited confidence.

I have therefore proposed to the Reich President that, while retiring from the Reich Cabinet and being released from your office as Commissioner for the East, you should be appointed for a limited time to a special mission as German Minister in Vienna. In this position you will be directly responsible to myself.

Thanking you again to-day for everything you did to bring together the Government of the national uprising and have done since in collaboration with us for Germany,

I am, yours very sincerely,

ADOLF HITLER.

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