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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Messersmith:

I am starting on leave of absence in a few hours, to spend three weeks in the mountains of Colorado behind Denver, but before leaving wanted to dictate a very brief line to thank you for your letter of June 27 which came in a few days ago. Taken in conjunction with your letter to Mr. Phillips, which he showed me, you have covered the ground pretty fully and your conclusions practically coincided with the diagnosis I had independently made. I wish it were possible to write you more fully as to views and impressions here in Washington, but although we have at last gotten funds to provide a courier service to Hamburg which will insure privacy of your communications to us, I still feel considerable doubt as to the inviolability of our correspondence to you.

The next complication that I fear is if and when the Germans decide to put into effect the decree

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authorizing the confiscation of private fortunes of "enemies of the state". If as I fear this assumes large proportions and is misused as a retaliatory and confiscatory measure, its repercussions here will be very serious. Leitner comes down to bemoan the tenor of the editorial comment and of the cartoons in the American press. He was unwilling to be specific but was very disturbed at the general tone.

With every good wish and with very cordial remembrances, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Rene Paulinoff