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SUBJECT:

Alleged interest of the National-Socialist party in the so-called third party movement in the United States.

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON.

*Handwritten signature: Huey P. Johnson*

SIR:

I have the honor to inform the Department that Mr. David W. Hazen of the "Morning Oregonian" of Portland, Oregon, called to see me yesterday and gave me the following information which I believe is of real interest to the Department. Mr. Hazen is a journalist who is making a visit to Germany and neighboring countries in order to get first hand information concerning the situation.

Mr. Hazen informs me that he does not speak any German, but has some well placed German friends. One of these German friends arranged for him to see a National-Socialist who is not in the Government, at a party headquarters in the Wilhelm- Strasse. When Mr. Hazen went there with his friend by appointment, there was present another National-Socialist than the one he was expected to see. The name of this

individual

individual Mr. Hazen cannot for the moment recollect, but he will give it to me later and I will transmit it to the Department. This individual, who spoke excellent English, monopolized the conversation and gave Mr. Hazen no opportunity to speak with the party member whom he had really come to see but who was present throughout the entire conversation. This individual, whom for the present I must call X, said that he had just returned from the United States where he engaged in journalistic work and had been working on magazines as well as newspapers.

X started the conversation by asking Mr. Hazen what he thought of the third party movement in the United States. Mr. Hazen replied that in his opinion there was no real third party movement. X replied: "You lie." Mr. Hazen was very much taken aback, but not wishing to make a disturbance then explained that in his opinion there would be no third party movement in the United States, but that the problems at home would be worked out through the two existing major parties. To this X replied: "Then you don't know anything about conditions in your own country. I know them because I have come from there and I know your country and there will be a third party which will sweep the country." Mr. Hazen said that he thought that this was a wrong view of the situation in the United States, and referred to the real popularity which President Roosevelt enjoyed in practically all circles, Republican and Democratic.

Mr. Hazen