President Franklin Delano Roosevelt,  
White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt:

May I have your permission to start the collection of Silver Foil, in the State of New York, in order to secure a fund to aid the Jews in Germany, etc.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

F. Fritzi Trestman

March 27th, 1938.

"Shopping In The Neighborhood With Fritzi"
SHAPIRO, Al
Chicago, Ill.
4-5-38

Wrote to the President in behalf of Harry Schindler of Leipzig, Pincus Hafner, Mrs. Elsa Hafner and Baby of Berlin, who are seeking visas for the U. S.

--Referred to STATE DEPT. for attention and ack. 4-7-38

SEE Hafner, Mrs. Elsa
FARLEY, Hon. James A.,
Democratic National Committee,
Wash., D.C.
April 19, 1938.

Encloses to the President, a letter, which he received from Billy McCraney. Says his letter is rather interesting on conditions in Germany. Asks that letter be returned to him. (Mr. Farley).

See McCraney, Billy
The President:

I could not help a great feeling of pride when I read today your statement concerning the German depredations. It is a worthy successor to the statement you recently made that saved the peace of the world. I want to congratulate you with the greatest enthusiasm for the wise and courageous stand you have been taking in the affairs of the world.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd

9 Brimmer Street

Boston, Mass.
November 18, 1938

My dear Admiral Byrd:

The President is especially pleased with your telegram of November sixteenth and he has asked me to assure you of his deep appreciation of the friendly thought which prompted you to send it.

Very sincerely yours,

M. H. McIntyre
Secretary to the President

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd,
9 Brimmer Street,
Boston,
Massachusetts.
Catholic Bavaria
Forced to Accept
School of Nazis

5,223 Catholic, 57 Jewish
and 1,943 Protestant
Schools Closed

Munich, Nov. 17.—An official
declaration of Minister Adolf
Wagner, published in large type in
the Bayerische Regierungsanzei-
ger, directs attention to the fact
that the 5,000,000 Catholics of Bar-
varia have no choice but to accept
the Nazi school.

"In all Bavaria," Minister Wag-
ners statement reads, "the con-
fessional schools have been trans-
formed into communal schools."

The ordinance of the minister of
education and public worship of
Oct. 26, 1938, sounds the death
knell of the Bavarian Catholic
school and marks the end of the
school controversy that has existed
in Bavaria since the advent of the
Nazi regime. Of the 5,223 Catholic
free schools that existed prior to
September 1, 1933, 451, or 8.6 per
cent, have been closed. This is a drastic
violation of the Bavarian concordat
with the Holy See, and of the con-
cordat concluded between the Reich
and the Vatican in 1923.

The 780,000 Catholic children
who were being educated in Cath-
olic schools, now are forced to fol-
low a curriculum impregnated with
Rosenburg's "conceptions of Na-
tional Socialist Life," and which
systematically seeks to woo them
away from the Church.

The new ordinance affects not
only the primary school, but hun-
dreds of secondary schools, high
schools and normal schools. The
edict affects also 1,943 Protestant,
57 Jewish and 216 mixed schools,
or schools attended by both Catho-
lic and Protestant children. Among
the 15,000 teachers in these
schools, there were thousands of
religious, members of teaching
congregations.

The drop in denominational
school enrollment since 1933 is
significant; 1933, 49 per cent; 1934,
16.39 per cent; 1935, 58.45 per
cent; 1936, 54.89 per cent; 1937,
1.89 per cent; 1938, 0.

(The Catholic schools have been
closed in spite of a vigorous de-
defense by Catholic leaders, espe-
cially Cardinal von Faulhaber, Arch-
bishop of Munich.—Editor.)

(At an average of $50,000
per school, that means
a total confiscation of
private property totaling
$260,000,000.)
Flood of Telegrams to Jews
Here From Germany Puzzling

Diplomatic Help for Persecuted Minority
Is Believed Sought In Vague Messages

A flood of cablegrams from Germany to Louisville Jews, apparently asking either for money or diplomatic help, but being so evasive that their real purpose is indefinite, was proving a puzzle here Saturday.

The cablegrams do not say whether the sender is in prison or just precisely what his plight is. But they contain such urgent phrases as "immediate demand" and the like, and the receiver is left to his own conclusions. In some cases, the cablegrams are not from the relative directly, but from persons acting for him or her, it appears.

Diplomatic Aid Sought.

"It is impossible for the sender to be more definite," one Jewish leader who preferred that his name not be used, pointed out. "But the inference seems clear now that what is being requested is that immediate certification be made to the American consul that if the German relative of the American is allowed to come here, provision for his or her support will be made and the immigrant will not become a public charge." He said all the cablegrams about which he had personal knowledge— he estimated he knew directly of at least twenty-five received here— contained very similar requests. But the vague nature of the messages indicated considerable urgency, he said. One Louisvillian received a cablegram from Switzerland relating to the German situation, and this threw considerable more light on what was wanted. The man, who preferred that his name not be used, said the majority of the recipients are acting upon the theory that it is the diplomatic help which is most requested.

No Reply to Cablegram.

A Rabbi said a group of Louisville Jews has received such cablegrams, all of which contain an identical German phrase, and he said they are suspicious that the messages did not come from their relatives, and that money is being requested. The phrase has the connotation, "immediate demand made on," the rabbi explained. A cablegram back to one of the purported senders received no reply. A postcard from the Louisvillian's relative in question, received after the cable, was from another part of Germany, although there was sufficient time for him to return to the place from which the cable was sent.

Another theory with regard to the latter group of cablegrams was that some agent for a group of Jews who are in prison or otherwise unable to get a message through, sent the messages at their behest and used the similar language.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

LL
11/22/38

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

This guy is just a little bit "nuts".

I think the best thing to do is to just forget this.

MM
Dear Mr.:

I would rather this letter be laid on the Chief's desk and not turned over to the State department.

Leaks occur and I do not wish any harm to befall my informant, and I think the contents will be very beneficial to the Chief and the Ambassador. Happy days.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Nov. 18, 1938
Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,
Warm Springs, Ga.,

My dear Mr. President:—

Am in receipt of a letter from Hon. Paul T. Culbertson, Assistant Chief, Division of European Affairs, State department, informing me information as to conditions in Germany affecting this country, and been forwarded by the White House to Secretary Hull, under date of Nov. 12th.

I am enclosing you two clippings from the Courier Journal, the one of Oct. 25th, giving a detailed story of an active Nazi propagandist and a second clipping, published today, showing methods being used to extract money from American Jews for transfer to Germany, where it will be seized by Nazi authorities.

In connection with these cablegrams to American Jews, would suggest you have the Department of Justice immediately contact Western Union in all cities where there is a large Jewish population and secure a record of these cables. Then, contact banks specializing in the transfer of monies to Germany; ascertain to whom sent, whether American consulate, and in turn, destination.

Yesterday afternoon received another letter from Germany which was sent by courier to Holland and there mailed.

One week ago today I gave to the Courier Journal a story of events now transpiring which had been sent me two weeks ago, but which the Courier Journal had not used to date. In this letter, which is from one close to Hitler, and who, like others do not believe in the present Nazi program, I was told diplomatic pouches are being opened; records made of code information, ressealed with the same seal in such a manner as to be apparent only thru a microscope. I have been advised that the American state department has used three codes, all of which have been deciphered after considerable difficulty. That France and England send most important information to their embassies at Berlin by Courier and that three months ago, one portfolio was lifted from a French courier and not returned.

Further, I was advised some IET Americans have disappeared in Germany and despite the fact American consular officers have endeavored to locate them, to date they have been unsuccessful. Also, naturalized Americans have been thrown into jail.

At Frankfort, Ky., resides a naturalized American citizen of German birth who has just returned from a visit to his parents. One day he told his family the feeling in this country toward the Nazi government, and two days later, Storm Troopers arrested him; threw him into jail; put him thru a third degree for six days and as he had his naturalization papers and passport with him, demanded he be permitted to communicate with the American consul. After ten days in jail, his
consul secured his release with the understanding he quit Germany within twenty-four hours. If anything were published about this in this country and the man's name used, the facts would be transmitted by cable by the German Embassy and the man's family persecuted.

While I was at Heidelberg, there were three boys in my class in physics, one of whom was killed during the world war; the second, identified with the German Embassy at Buenos Aires, now dead and the third, now a close friend of Goebbels, who has the degree of Master in Philosophy from Heidelberg. It is the latter, now a member of the German Army General Staff who writes me.

Both the Army General Staff and those in charge of the finances of Germany are opposed to Hitler's and Goebbels's program. So much so, that this man has written me not to be surprised at a sudden turn of events within ninety days that may eradicate Hitler, Göring and Goebbels.

Germany is in dire straits financially and as to food. For four months Goebbels had been planning the recent attacks on the Jews for the sole purpose of securing $500,000,000 to carry on the affairs of the government as the country is on the verge of bankruptcy. The Financial department knows that Mittel Europa has not sufficient money to purchase and pay for German goods in a manner that will help solve her financial stringency.

Goebbels has so loaded down Hitler with the idea that bluff will carry through, that the turn of all nations against Germany; the cutting of export orders, was not only overlooked, but in their desire to secure funds from the Jews, not only in Germany, but their relations throughout the world, which Germany could seize, was also forgotten.

The big three of Germany do not care how much the United States protests on the ground the United States is too far removed from the scene of operation to do anything, and Nazi agents in this country have been instructed to work with and on all Federal government employees especially those in key positions in Washington to arouse anti-Semitic feeling.

Not only have American agents been instructed to work on older folks but an actress was sent to this country with films to endeavor to warp the minds of young men and women by showing them how Germany takes care of them.

The Fascist governments of England and Italy are working in close alliance with Germany for the purpose of recovering Germany's lost colonies. Chamberlain has agreed with Germany to a transfer of the African colonies. Chamberlain is waiting for the right moment to make this announcement. France has been left out in this discussion.

This member of the Germany General Staff further says—Germany is in no condition to carry on an intensive war over five months. She lacks raw materials and has not the money with which to buy them. That there is considerable dissatisfaction in the rank and file of the army. That outside of cities where these Jewish attacks occur, the country sections know nothing of developments, in the
all radio transmission and newspapers are controlled by Goebbels. That instructions have been issued for all first class hotels used by tourists be given plenty of food to feed tourists despite the fact there is a shortage of wheat, meat, eggs, milk, butter, cheese and pork.

In order to carry on the four year plan of Goring, Germany needs $1,500,000,000 and $500,000,000 of this will be taken from the Jews who have also been ordered to bring back to Germany all funds owned by them and held in banks in foreign countries. Failure to do this means death to them and persecution of their families.

In this cleanup of Jewish owned industries, stores, financial institutions, no American Jew owned establishment is to be given any more consideration than one owned by a German Jew and the United States can make all the complaints it desires, all of which will be ignored.

Now as to this Mrs. and Mr. W.K. Bodenschatz, of the Dartmouth apartments, of Louisville, Ky., I think that under the recent Espionage Act it would be worth while checking their mail. I understand that during the World War, the American government was on the point of interning them at Camp Taylor for activities detrimental to the welfare of the United States. This is a job for the Army Intelligence which has its own means of unsealing letters and re-sealing them, at the same time, making photostatic copies.

You must understand, that after years of work abroad for the U.S. I learned never to retain letters, but to first memorize them, then destroy them. Were it known the source or my information, my informant would be beheaded on short notice. However, when you talk with Mr. Wilson, I think you will find this letter will give you some leads and some of the information contained herein, I do not believe any diplomat is aware of.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

L. J. P. Lucas

[Signature]

[Date]
Nation Misjudged by Woman's View

Dr. John Hersheywooder:

the whole world has looked on Germany as a m. It now has grown up. If not only has died, but has taken place in the sun.

suggestion concerning the most talked about and most frightening figure in Europe today, Dr. Adolf Hitler, is that he is a man to be feared. It is a matter of view.

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Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President, The United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Why get all hot and bothered about the Jews, this administration has either directly or indirectly through its laws enacted taken from hundreds of small manufacturers, of which the writer is one, their ALL which it has taken them a lifetime to accumulate.

To our appeals for help you do not give us even the slightest attention, simply pass our letters on to someone else for reply. Are we just as good as the Jews?

Yours truly,

J. L. Markley

1163 So. Clinton Street
LECHE, Hon. R.W.,
Governor of Louisiana,
Baton Rouge, La.
Nov. 28, 1938.

Letter to Mr. McIntyre, enclosing copy of a letter written by the Governor on
Oct. 3 to Secretary Hull, and a reply thereto by Mr. Sumner Wells, regarding Mr.
Isidore Spielmann and family in Austria, who are desirous of entering the United
States and the City of New Orleans as immigrants. These people are related to
Hermann Deutsch of New Orleans. Wants to know if anything can be done to expedite
their entry in the U.S.

On Dec. 2, 1938, Mr. Sumner Wells sent memo to Mr. McIntyre, informing him
that it is impossible to say how soon the visas can be issued. After he has a report
from the Consul General in Vienna, he will be in a position to make a helpful
suggestion.

See Spielmann, Isidore
November 29, 1938

Respectfully referred to the Secretary
of State.

M. H. McENTYRE
Secretary to the President

Letter from Clarence R. Decker, President, The University of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, 11/26/38 to the President. Re: Encloses copies of a proclamation, signed by the Mayor, City Manager, and others, protesting the persecution of minorities in Germany. Says people of Kansas City would appreciate a comment from the President on the proclamation.
President Roosevelt
White House
Washington DC.

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my indignation at such solicitation for the Jews when there was nothing done about the persecution in Mexico and also in Spain. Those Jews in Germany are very much worse there. Why didn't you send for the Ambassador then? Because we were not controlled so thoroughly by Jews as we are now. We demand free speech and get rid of the Communists. The Catholics feel that you are very, very insincere when you court the Archbishops' favor. Mr. President we demand that you get rid of the International bankers and give us our own banking system. You promised and you haven't kept your promise.

James Connolly
Gauntlet

This comes from The Winnipeg Press—and the Cruelty

Mr. P. F. Robertson
8920 Parmalee Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio,

Pray for Germany,
Lord, 15 great patience,
Baj with You,
Forgive these people
What they do
Now is their country's
Darkest hour:
When racial hatred
Sits in power:
This fierce injustice
We condemn:
Temper your anger
Pity them
Foreign policy
We who live
Find it too Seemly
To forgive
Brenda Green
December 15, 1938

Respectfully referred to the State
Department.

S. K. Reubens
Secretary to the President

LETTERS FROM JEWS IN GERMANY, ASKING THAT THEY BE BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES:

Max Rothschild, Esq.,
c/o Mr. Max Heiselen,
52, Bd. de l'Alcette,
Luxembourg (Gr. D.)
Germany.

Helene Kantor,
Beau, 25 Kaiserstr. parterre,
Germany.

Max Martin Baruch, Esq.,
Berlin W. 30,
Kosmullensstr. 6.
Germany.

Anita Wolff,
Neuklondenburg
Treptowerstr. 39,
Deutschland

Alexander Volkovitz, Esq.,
Badacoz VIl
Nagazadi - Lfabv-Ucca 3Y.

Letter - 12/2/38. Enclosed photograph.
Letter - 1/4/38
Letter - 11/2/38
Letter - 12/5/38
Letter - 12/3/38.

LBS
December 19, 1938

Respectfully referred to the officials of the State Department.

M. H. McIntyre
Secretary to the President

Letter from Cong. Edward W. Curley, 12/17/38 to the President. Encloses telegram he has received from the Parents' Association of Public School 65, Bronx, N. Y., urging that U.S. Govt. sever diplomatic and economic relations with the German Nazi Govt. until persecution of religious minorities ceases.
December 19, 1938

My dear Mr. Curley:

Your letter of December seventeenth, enclosing a telegram addressed to you by the Parents' Association of Public School No. 66, Bronx, New York, has been received and will be laid before the President as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

M. D. McIntire
Secretary to the President