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January 26, 1940

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EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President

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Telegrams to the President from

Gerda Granek, 499 College St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1/25/40 Parents are in German concentration camps and in danger.
Asks Pres to consider her letter of Jan. 2, 1940.

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Petra Dahl, OSLO 1/24/40. Help Finland by sending arms and
aeroplanes.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
March 28, 1940

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For copy of Gen. Watson's memo to the Secretary of State, transmitting letter to the President dated 3/25/40, from hon. Paul P. Williams, Clerk, The House of Assembly of New Jersey, Trenton, N. J., RE: Encloses resolution concerning Germany's treatment of Poland; that the vicious and tyrannical conduct on the part of the German Army and Government be condemned; that the President prevail upon the German Government to cause cessation of these cruel and inhuman conditions, -

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April 15, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. George T. Summerlin,
Chief of Protocol,
State Department.

Dear Sunny:

I am attaching a letter from Mr. George Meany, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor. Will you please have someone look into this and perhaps give us a draft of reply?

Thankfully yours,

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President

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Letter from George Meany, ^x Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C., April 11, 1940; states they have reliable information that a number of former members of German trade union movement who are exiles from their native country, at present residing in Copenhagen, Denmark, are in danger of being arrested by the German authorities who have taken control of that city. If returned to Germany they face immediate execution. Gives list of names and asks that matter be taken up with American Legation at Copenhagen.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

April 23, 1940

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Summerlin:

We have been replying to similar letters along the following lines:

My dear Mr. Mesny:

I have received your letter of April 11, 1940, urging this Government's intervention on behalf of certain members of the German Trade Union movement now residing in Copenhagen, Denmark.

While the President fully appreciates the humanitarian motives which prompted your letter and wishes it were possible to take the action you suggest, this Government, under the accepted principles governing international relations, must confine its representations to foreign Governments to matters which directly affect American citizens or American interests. As you may be aware, it has not yet been possible to arrange for the evacuation of the American citizens desiring to leave Denmark. It is

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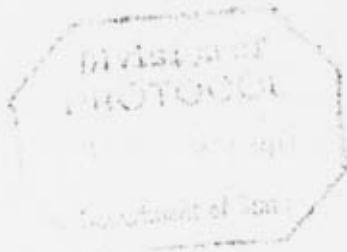
DIVISION OF PROTOCOL

4/24/40.

Re: "Pa":

Herewith a draft.

G.H.



April 25, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. George T. Summerlin, ⁴²⁰
Chief of Protocol,
Department of State.

Dear Sunny:

I believe it would be better for the State Department to answer Mr. Neany along the usual lines, as suggested by your memorandum attached.

With many thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President

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WELLES, Hon. Sumner
State Dept.,
Aug. 24, 1940.

The President referred for draft of reply a letter from A. Ferry Osborn of NYC., to the President, 8/19/40, asking protection for Charles D. Morgan "Bunny" Morgan, now in a German prison camp.--Hon. Breckinridge Long, Ass't Sec. of State, on Aug. 23th, wrote Miss Leland enclosing draft of reply.---The President, on Aug. 30th, wrote Mr. Osborn saying he is sorry that Mr. Morgan is reported to be a prisoner of war while serving with the British Expeditionary Forces in France. The President said the State Department handles questions relative to the welfare and whereabouts of American citizens abroad and also concerning British prisoners of war, in as much as our Government has assumed the representation of British interests in Germany, the President said he referred Mr. Osborn's letter to the State Department. The President said he had been informed by Mr. Long that a number of inquiries have been received from relatives and other friends of Mr. Morgan. The President said in a telegram of Aug. 7th, that the Embassy at Berlin reported that Charles D. Morgan was visited by a Foreign Service Officer at Oflag VII C Number 619 to whom he stated that he was born in Quebec and is and always was a Canadian citizen. Mr. Gordon, American Minister to the Netherlands had the opinion that Mr. Morgan made this statement of being a citizen of Canada out of loyalty to his British comrades. The President said he had been glad to send a copy of Mr. Osborn's letter and of this reply to Mr. Alexander C. Kirk, our Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, for his information.

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