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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

June 10, 1941

The President said: "For preparation of reply for my signature. Do you think it should be given to the public?" He forwarded (as per brief); Radiogram from Peter II, King of Yugoslavia, Jerusalem, 6/8/41 to the President, referring terrible treatment which people in occupied district of Yugoslavia are receiving from Nazis.

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to
LEHMAN, Hon. Herbert H.
Governor of New York
Albany, New York
June 3, 1941

The President wrote advising Gov. Lehman that he has received a report from Ambassador Leahy with reference to Mr. and Mrs. Duschnitz and their son, who were the subjects of Gov. Lehman's letter of May 15, 1941. Says the report states that since last October the members of the Embassy staff have taken an interest in the applications for exit permits made by the Duschnitz family, but no decision was reached. Administrative confusion and fear that the surrender of the Duschnitz family might be requested by the German authorities under the Armistice Convention are believed to have been the reasons for the failure of the French authorities to grant the requested exit permits, and it is learned now that, although the German authorities have never asked for the surrender of this family, the Ministry of the Interior has definitely refused their applications. Is confident that Ambassador Leahy and the members of his staff have been as insistent as possible, and deplors the unfortunate situation in which the family finds itself. Will let Gov. Lehman know if any further word should be received concerning the family. -- Above letter sent to Miss Lehman for President's signature by Breckinridge Long, Ass't Sec. of State, on May 29, 1941.

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