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May 11, 1939.

My dear Doctor Abbot:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 29, 1939, addressed to The President, suggesting a plan designed to assure the Poles access to the sea and, at the same time, the Germans the possibility of passing from Germany proper to East Prussia without leaving German territory.

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I want to assure you that your courtesy in submitting this suggestion is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN M. WATSON.

The Honorable  
C. G. Abbot, ~~x~~  
Secretary of the Smithsonian  
Institution,  
Washington, D. C.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
Eu 7600.62/540

May 10, 1939

My dear General Watson:

I am enclosing a letter for your signature, addressed to Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, which is in reply to Dr. Abbot's letter of April 29, 1939 to the President.

Dr. Abbot's letter of April 29, which was referred to this Department for acknowledgment and consideration, is also enclosed, a copy thereof having been made for the Department's files.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures:

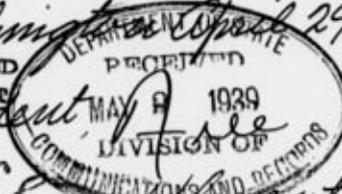
1. Letter to Dr. Abbot  
for signature
2. Letter from Dr. Abbot,  
April 29, returned

Brigadier General Edwin M. Watson,  
Secretary to the President,  
The White House

5207 38th St. N.W.

Washington, D.C. April 29, 1939

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED  
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT



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Dear Mr. President  
When one muddles out of

Secretary to the President  
his province his letter is generally best in the waste basket. So please treat this one if it is foolish.

Could not a deep tunnel be excavated at a point on the Polish Corridor and armored at its ceiling, whereby the Poles could have access to the sea while ceding a crossing strip

to the Germans towards  
East Prussia?

Would not this practicably  
take away one point of  
world irritation?

Yours respectfully  
C G Abbot

Secretary, Smithsonian Inst.

January 29, 1940

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Respectfully referred to the officials of the State Department for consideration and appropriate acknowledgment to Miss Rosbicki.

EDWIN M. WATSON  
Secretary to the President

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Letter from Sen. H. C. Lodge, Jr., 1/27/40 to the President, which enclosed letter which the Senator has received from Miss Adeline Rosbicki, 69 Lewis St., Everett, Mass., 1/21/40, urging that steps be taken to arrange permission for the American Red Cross to enter Poland ~~in~~ to extend aid to Polish people.

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January 29, 1940

My dear Senator Lodge:

The President has received your letter of January twenty-seventh and, by his direction, the request of Miss Adeline Rosbicki, 69 Lewis Street, Everett, Massachusetts, is being brought to the attention of the officials of the State Department.

Very sincerely yours,

EDWIN M. WATSON  
Secretary to the President

Honorable H. C. Lodge, Jr.,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

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DAVIS, Norman H.,  
American Red Cross,  
Wash., D.C.  
Nov. 15, 1939.

Memorandum to the President, enclosing a cable from their Delegation now in Berlin. States that if the plan outlined is approved by the German Foreign Office, it will be possible to give very constructive help with the necessary safeguards against discrimination against the Jews, and satisfactory assurances that the relief will reach the Poles, for whom it was intended. Also encloses copy of the cable they are sending.

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SKYMCAK, Hon. M.S. - Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System,  
Feb. 21, 1940

Writes to Mr. Early that there is being planned a mass meeting to be held at Madison Square Garden, N.Y., Mar. 12, under auspices of the Polish National Council for purpose of arousing interest in bringing relief to people in stricken areas in Poland. Lists speakers, mentioning Sec. Ickes. -- Mr. Early sent Michael Straus a memo on Feb. 3 re this and says if the Secretary decides to speak he would like him to include a Presidential message, expressing interest in relief work for all war sufferers. -- On Feb. 24, Mr. Straus replied that Sec. Ickes has not yet decided to speak but will of course accede to the President's wishes if he does speak. -- On Mar. 11, Ass't. Sec. Berle of State sent Mr. Hassett a draft for the President to Mr. Skymczak. -- On Mar. 12, the President wrote to Mr. Skymczak sending a message, mentioning the American Red Cross. Says welfare today is economic even more than military. In consequence, even relief of human suffering enters into the complicated calculations of overseas politics, and may all too easily become a pawn in the diplomatic and military chess game. Mentions Congress' control over this relief.

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