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May 22, 1933.

My dear Mr. Crane:

Many thanks indeed for that splendid telegram. I deeply appreciate all the nice things you have said in it.

We are trying to get just the right man for the German post. *19815*

Do come in to see me when you are in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Charles R. Crane,
522 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
New York.

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New York, May 18, 1933.

The President:

Now that some real truth has come through the hostile news barrage surrounding Germany, it is possible to realize the magnificent opportunity you have to render the world another great service. You can do nearly anything you want with the German nation. Hope you will soon have an ambassador there able to provide you with reliable firsthand information. Warm congratulations and cordial greetings.

Charles R. Crane.

522 - 5th Ave

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February 10, 1936.

Dear Mr. Crane:-

Many thanks for your nice letter. I do not think the movement you speak of will affect this country much for everything is still on a quota basis.

I do hope to see you when you come back this Spring.

Always sincerely,

Honorable Charles R. Crane, II
Palm Springs,
California.

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Palm Springs, Calif.,
January 28, 1936.

My dear President:

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There is a movement under way to bring something like a hundred thousand Jews out of Germany. It is a perfectly proper movement as I believe there is no chance that Germany will change her attitude toward the Jews for a long time. It seems to me that the real problem is that of disposing of them in such a way as not to increase further the anti-Semitic feeling which has grown so much since the War.

I have been in the Near East every year since then, from Bagdad in the north to the Persian Gulf on the east and Muskat and Aden in the south. The psychical effect of the War was to throw people back into their essential selves, their families and their races, not into their religions. Everywhere I heard the anti-foreign note, especially strong against colonizers. This applies also not only to the French in Syria but to the Italians everywhere from Turkey to the Yemen. Lord Bryce called attention to this trend and advised people not to move out of their natural habitat any more than was necessary until the world had emerged from its present mood.

In Palestine the feeling against the Jews is rising all the time. The country as a whole was almost unanimously against the Zionist movement and no group felt more strongly opposed to it than the native Jews. There are a hundred thousand too many people in Palestine already and, notwithstanding all the declarations made by the Zionists in starting their movement, the Jews now own most of the valuable land.

The place of all places for the Jews to go is Russia. Large blocks of rich land have been entirely set aside for the Jews there where they could have their Republic and their national home with infinitely less molestation than they could anywhere else in the world.

My suggestion to you, if you will permit, is to treat the question of the exodus from Germany sympathetically but with a firm understanding that it is handled in such a way as not to increase the rising anti-Semitic feeling in the world.

Forgive me for bothering you.

Yours faithfully,

Charles R. Crane

The Honorable
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D. C.