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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON  
July 29, 1935.

My dear Mr. President:

I should be very grateful for your criticism and suggestions of the enclosed draft reply to the letter from the Jewish societies, which I have already spoken to you about. You will note that their letter (which I enclose) refers to Jews, Catholics, Protestants and "liberals of all description" as well as to labor.

We are called upon to protest against the general persecutions. Our reply is so important and so charged with dynamite, from a domestic as well as an international viewpoint, that I do not wish to send any reply without your careful consideration and cordial approval.

In the reply I have not mentioned the Catholics or any other group by name because the Catholics  
have

The President

The White House.

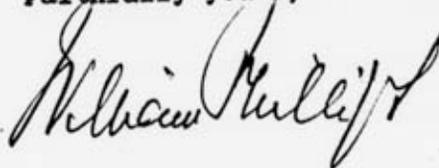
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have not approached us and it may well be that they prefer to act through the Pope, who has already spoken.

It is also to be borne in mind that our own position is not altogether perfect, in view of Mayor LaGuardia's recent action against a German citizen in New York and also the flag incident on the BREMEN resulting in a riot.

It seems to be wise not to go too far in a public statement and yet far enough, and this I have attempted to do.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Phillips". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "William Phillips".

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Dated Jan. 11, 1936.

Rec'd 4:22 pm.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

3, Jan. 11, 6 p.m.

Referring to my telegram No. 34, Dec. 28, 9 p.m.

No anti-Semitic demonstrations have followed attempt to assassinate Grand Rabbi this morning. Ministry of Interior has issued communique describing assassin as mentally unbalanced religious fanatic. While this latter appears to be true, statement by Grand Rabbi and reported testimony of eye-witnesses allege presence accomplices who escaped, thus suggesting assassin was anti-Semitic tool. Other reported evidence tends to support this view, namely, assassin's that one thousand lei and revolver had been given him. Jewish community is apprehensive lest further acts of violence be committed.

HARRISON.

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