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If you do not become  
1st Assistant Secretary  
of State I shall be greatly  
upset.

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Dear Judge Moore:

I know you and Secretary Hull can not read everything, but I venture to call attention to our report of February 10 initialed J.D.B.No. 3300.

You may not know that the President asked me to see the Fuhrer about two things in 1934: the Jewish problem and the propaganda activity in our country. I wrote a confidential account of what was said, but one thing in particular was his assurance that all propaganda in our country would be stopped. He even said he would throw any such violator of his wishes into the North Sea. But I have watched procedure here since 1933. There has been no change. This report shows what is to go on. Dr. Schacht in 1934 told me he would stop appropriations for propaganda, but he did not succeed. The greatest business company here, I. G. Farben, ally of the Duponts, gives big sums to propaganda. You know poor old Oberlander of Pennsylvania gave a million dollars to an organization, non-cooperating in Phila. which is spent for propaganda - he came here frequently and many times revealed purposes which his agents at home learn.

I do not know that our Government can do anything, but am inclined to think responsible members of Congress ought to read this report. It is correct. We know of propagandists in many countries especially Ilgner who was in Latin America. Possibly some act of Congress might be made useful. My observations the last few months show that many of our big business men are also falling into line. A curious fact: The Chemical National Bank, the Erie Railroad Company and Henry Ford have shown signs that they were also in line - but recently the former two have grown skeptical. Our Commercial Attache here recently was unwise enough to write letters to managers of corporations, in which Americans hold stocks or bonds, asking just how much Americans had invested. The receivers at once sent the letters to the Government which at once sent out an order to all such business people commanding them to give no information.

The propaganda business and the intricate industrial arrangements need to be known to real leaders of Congress.

Yours sincerely,  
A. E. Dodd