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September 24, 1940

The Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Adolf:

I am enclosing copy of letter which I received from Charles A. Taussig, who is a brother of the admiral; also copy of letter which he received from one Adolfo Taussig in Montevideo. If you could arrange to have someone from our Embassy in Montevideo check into the situation of Adolfo Taussig and let me know what might be done for him, I would appreciate it very much. Naturally, any expense entailed by the State Department I will promptly remit.

Cordially yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1940

Dear Charles:

It has been the custom for Jewish emigrés in various parts of the world to get hold of an American telephone book, look up someone of the same name, claim relationship and write the kind of letter which your namesake wrote to your remote cousin Charles. They usually come to New York addresses, because in our consulates New York telephone books are commonly available. This has caused difficulty in our consulates, because the custom was to tear out a handful of pages.

You will notice that this is not a request for assistance, but a straight request for money to open a cigar shop or a dry goods store.

If you still feel you want something done about it, I will tell our people to look the man up; but we are getting pretty far afield.

Faithfully,

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Charles W. Taussig, Esq.,
120 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

October 4, 1940

The Honorable A.A. Berle, Jr.,
Asst. Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Adolf:

Thank you very much for your letter of
September 26th.

The degree of your good judgment exceeds
that of my stupidity. Shortly after receiving your
letter, I discovered three additional letters from
the same gentleman in Montevideo addressed to three
different Tausigs. They were identical.

Naturally, I will follow your judgment
which is now mine, and let the matter drop. Thanks
for your giving this matter some thought.

Cordially yours,

OWF:MBJ