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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE MARVIN H. MCINTYRE

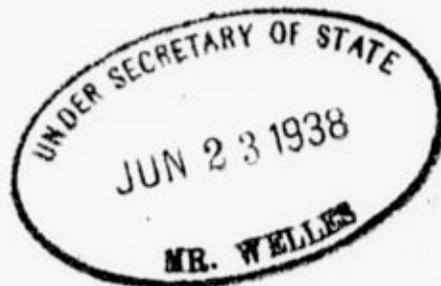
In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum of June 23, I am returning herewith Dr. Cavert's letter together with a draft reply which the President may wish to send to Dr. Cavert.

Sumner Welles

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1938



MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE SUMNER WELLES:

With the return of the accompanying letter from Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert will you not be good enough to let us have a draft of an appropriate reply.

  
M. H. McINTYRE  
Secretary to the President

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL  
of the  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

Office of the General Secretary  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York

June 21, 1938

My dear Mr. President:

In connection with the work of the Advisory Committee on Political Refugees it has occurred to me that it would be very helpful if Rev. Dr. Ralph H. Long, General Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, 39 East Thirty-fifth Street, New York, could be an additional member. There are two reasons why, in my judgment, his membership would be of distinct help to the Committee: first, because of his rather unusual experience in dealing with refugees; and, second, because of his unique contacts with the Lutheran world. This latter point is of great importance because a large percentage of the non-Jewish refugees from Germany come from a Lutheran background.

I should be very glad if you should decide to invite Dr. Long to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee.

With high regard and esteem, I remain

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL McCREA CAVERT  
General Secretary

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

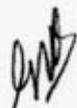
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
A-M

June 23, 1938.

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Mr. Welles:

I would suggest that a reply could be made to Dr. Cavert of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America somewhat as follows:

  
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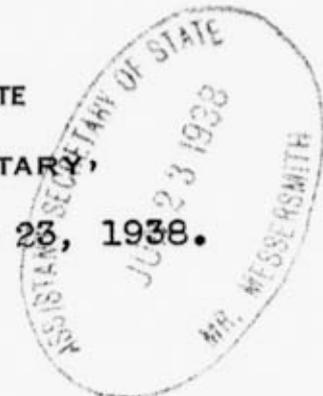
THE UNDER SECRETARY,

June 23, 1938.

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Mr. Messersmith:

I shall appreciate it if you will let me have your views as to the reply the President should make.

  
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My dear Dr. Cavert:

I appreciate your writing me on June 21 suggesting that it would be helpful to place the Reverend Dr. Ralph H. Long, General Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, on the Advisory Committee for Political Refugees. I have had quite a number of names suggested to me for membership on the Committee. You will agree with me I am sure that the most effective assistance can be rendered by this Committee if it is not permitted to become unwieldy through expanded membership. Quite a number of the persons who have been suggested are undoubtedly in a position, as I am sure Dr. Long would be, to make a valuable contribution to the work of the Committee. It would be inadvisable I believe to consider for the Committee even a small number of those who have been further suggested for membership and I have felt myself constrained to refrain from adding to the size of the Committee with the thought that as it is now constituted it may prove to be of the greatest value in this constructive task.

I am sure that through your association with the Reverend Dr. Long and through his contact with the Committee, he will be able to contribute to it his viewpoint and give it the benefit of his experience.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert,  
General Secretary, The Federal Council  
of the Churches of Christ in America,  
297 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

*Good*

November 23, 1938

Dear Marvin:

I am returning to you herewith Colonel Seoane's letters which you were good enough to give me for my information.

If the Intergovernmental Committee determines to take up actively the possibility of British Guiana as an appropriate place for the settlement of German refugees, some consideration might be given by the President to the assignment of United States Army engineers to assist in the making of surveys and in developing projects in British Guiana in cooperation with representatives of other governments interested. In that event, Colonel Seoane might be a very useful member of the group that we would send.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

Sumner Welles

Enclosures:

From Col. C. A. Seoane,  
November 16, 1938,  
August 20, 1938.

The Honorable  
Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Secretary to the President,  
The White House.

A true copy of  
the signed original.

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December 2, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY McINTYRE

Until the Department gets a report from the Consul General in Vienna, it is impossible for me to say how soon the visas in which Governor Leche is interested can be issued. After I have the report I shall be in a position to make some helpful suggestion in the event that the names of these people are very far down on the list. I suggest that in your reply to Governor Leche you let him know that as soon as we get a report from the Consul General in Vienna we will communicate with him again and that we will do everything we possibly can to expedite these cases in which he is interested.

Enclosure:  
From Governor of Louisiana,  
November 28, 1938, with  
enclosures.

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