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My dear Mr. President:

Eleanor told me the other night of recent reports that had come to her of the shocking condition existing in the Spanish refugee camps in France and of the inhuman treatment given the Spanish refugees by the French authorities when they were sent back to Spanish territory.

Reports of this character have been circulated for some time, but the recent reports that have come to me lead me to believe that there must be a good deal of truth in them. Under these circumstances I think it would be well to send an instruction to Bullitt along the lines indicated in the telegram which I enclose herewith.

If you agree that this instruction should be sent, please send the telegram back to me and I will have it sent off at once.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

Enclosure;
As stated.

RECORDED

The President,
The White House.

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January 9, 1940.

AMERICAN EMBASSY

PARIS (FRANCE)

FOR THE AMBASSADOR.

The French Embassy here has denied reports that are circulating in this country about alleged ill treatment meted out in France to Spanish refugees. Despite official French denials, these reports have become so current and are so widely believed that we have reached the conclusion that probably the most effective way to put a stop to them, if they are in fact unfounded, would be for us to be able to answer inquiries and protests by saying that an American official had visited the camps in person and reported on conditions that he found. Unless you see objection we suggest therefore that you inform the French authorities of the persistence of the reports mentioned and discuss with them the advisability of arranging to have a Spanish-speaking member of your staff visit the concentration camps. If the visit is arranged for, you should have him, upon his return to Paris, prepare a full report. Even before this is ready, however, please telegraph a summary of his conclusions, stressing inter alia conditions of

Spanish refugees in France

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housing, food, sanitary arrangements, discipline, et cetera, as well as arrangements for repatriation to Spain, and particularly whether any involuntary repatriation is being enforced.

Eu:PM:CMS

LA LINEA SIGFRIDO, April 18, 1940

WELLES THE RUFFIAN

Sumner Welles, the ruffian, was sent by Roosevelt, the Jew, to Europe to interview the chiefs of state of the nations involved directly or indirectly in this great conflict.

The whole world, except La Línea Sigfrido, thought that the gentleman crook (caballero de industria) Sumner Welles was going to Europe inspired in the most sacred principles of humanity.

Welles promised, before God and before History, to take with him to his grave the secrets of his interviews with Hitler, with Mussolini, with the armament manufacturer Churchill, with the has-been Daladier and also with the Holy Father Pius XI.

It appeared, or at least he gave the impression before the newspapermen who bombarded him with questions, that his lips would not utter a word of what had been confided to him by the European chiefs of state.

It goes without saying that neither Hitler nor Mussolini (here the expression "Mirá que nenes" - Spanish plural equivalent of the ejaculation "What a man") said anything to him that would be useful to England or France.

In the midst of his interview with Hitler he had to ask for permission to leave the room for a few minutes: Hitler's gaze, which is quite different from that of Roosevelt's, made the same effect on him as that of Pagliano (a strong purgative imported from Italy by Don Vicente Costa) and when he called on Mussolini the latter offered him a glass of Chianti and Grignolino wines which intoxicated the envoy of Jacoibo (sic) Roosevelt.

This is how it happened that, in his unawareness, he said that England and France had already prepared the map of the new Europe as it would appear when this war ended.

This farce of Roosevelt's, like all farces of democracy, will end in a gigantic catastrophe.

The Earth will be blown to bits and we will go forth to form part of those other worlds which inhabit space.

There are eighteen million bayonets in Germany and ten million bayonets in Italy.

The gigantic aerial fleet of Goering (30,000 air dreadnoughts) is now ready: it only awaits the signal to start.

The long distance cannons (1,000 kilometers) are already set in various places of Germany.

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The Italian aerial fleet has in readiness its "presents" for all the English strategical points in the Mediterranean.

And giving life to all this gigantic material are the spirits of those two farseeing geniuses, those two supermen named Hitler and Mussolini!

There was a terrifying calm in Europe, Now the cyclone has broken out.

This is the result of the "peace mission" which was undertaken in Europe by the man who had his photograph taken with Capitalist Reynaud, the background for such important personalities being the map of the New Europe.

Unfortunate fruits of capitalism!
They will soon know what is what!
Democrats!
This is the most fitting insult...