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My dear General Watson:

I am enclosing a copy of Ambassador Biddle's
strictly confidential despatch no. 5 of November 29,
1939 which was marked for the President.

In this despatch the discontinuance of the pro-
tection of Polish interests in Germany by the Swedish
Legation at Berlin is reported.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Phillips

Enclosure:

From Angers, no. 5,
November 29, 1939.

Brigadier General Edwin M. Watson,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

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No. 5

Angers, November 29, 1939

Subject: Discontinuance, under German pressure,
of Swedish protection of Polish interests
in Germany.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the following: (A.) At
the outbreak of Polish-German hostilities/^{the} Polish Government
entrusted the Swedish Legation in Berlin with protection
of Polish interests in Germany; (B) The Polish Government
has just learned that due to prolonged severe German pressure,
recently resulting in what amounted to an ultimatum, the
Swedish

Swedish Government has instructed its Legation in Berlin to relinquish its former role of protecting Polish interests.

This news was greeted by the Polish Government with concern for their interests in Germany. Moreover, while my informants refrained from criticising the Swedish Government, I am aware that the latter's action in this case is a source of my informants' genuine disappointment in the Swedish Government whom they had hitherto looked upon with marked confidence and respect as a Government embodying independence of action and courage of conviction.

Respectfully yours,

A.J.Drexel Biddle, Jr.

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Paris, February 2, 1940

Yours faithfully

Wladyslaw Gosciniak

My dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a record bearing on various aspects of the Polish-German conflict.

[Polish-German Conflict by FJD Piddis]

As we burned our cable records before leaving Warsaw, I have had to depend for a number of the dates of events, upon personal notes which I took with me.

As this record is necessarily lengthy, I take occasion to draw your attention to the following parts, which I believe may engage your special interest.

That section dealing with:

1. "Factors contributing to Poland's defeat."
2. "Polish-German conflict and the Embassy's activities".
3. "Military aspects of the Polish-German

conflict

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conflict, and lessons to be learned therefrom

4. "Russian aspect".

With every good wish, I am

Yours faithfully

Tony Biddle. r