

~~Excerpted statement for the President to make  
at press conference November 15,  
1938~~

The news of the past few days from Germany  
has <sup>shockingly</sup> shocked public opinion in the United States.  
Such news from any part of the world would in-  
evitably produce a similar reaction among ~~the~~  
American people <sup>every part of the nation</sup>. With a view to gaining a first-  
hand picture of the situation in Germany I asked  
the Secretary of State to ~~order~~ our Ambassador  
in Berlin <sup>to return at once</sup> ~~to come home~~ for report and consultation.

I myself could scarcely believe  
that such things could occur in  
a twentieth century civilization.

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