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In reply to Your Excellency's note of this morning inquiring whether the United States Government would be willing to undertake the protection of persons, property and interests for whose protection the British Ambassador in Germany and consular officers under his superintendence are normally responsible, I have the honor to state that in the event of a rupture of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Germany this Government will gladly accept. Instructions have been telegraphed to the American Chargé d'Affaires in Berlin, and through him to American consular officers in Germany, authorizing them to act accordingly.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency

The Right Honorable

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British Ambassador.