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WASHINGTON D. C. September 1st 1939.

In the now imminent event of war between the United Kingdom and Germany, I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to enquire whether the United States Government would be good enough to undertake the protection of persons, property and interests for whose protection His Majesty's Ambassador in Germany and consular officers under his superintendence are normally responsible.

Should the United States Government be willing to undertake the above charge I am to request that the Unived States diplomatic and consular officers in Germany may be authorised to act accordingly.

> I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration. Sir.

> > Your most obedient, humble servant, (SOO) LOTREAS.

The Honourable

Cordell Hull.

Secretary of State of the United States,

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