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RE - Mr. Bernard G. Noble

Mr. Gustav Hilger advises me that he desires to have access to certain of the German Foreign Office archives for the purpose of checking his recollections relating to certain events in which he was an important participant. Mr. Hilger undertakes not to cite or quote from any of these documents in connection with any of the studies he is preparing.

In my judgment, it would be very much in the public interest for Mr. Hilger to be permitted to have access to these documents for this purpose and I should like to associate myself with his request that the necessary permission be granted for him to have access to such of the documents as are necessary for the purposes of his research. I should like to add that I have known Mr. Hilger for many years and I have confidence in his character and integrity as well as admiration for his scholarly abilities.

George F. Kennan

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