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Most Honored Mr. Klugkist:

Insofar as my dealings during February and March 1939 coming to question, I talked with Mr. Malaxa in Bucharest on both trips.

The Rumanian Government was interested, during the years from 1935 to 1939, the period during which I had dealings with it, just as much as we were in improving and expanding its economic conditions. No one can say that Mr. Malaxa spoke out against the Pact of March, 1939 (the so-called Welfare Pact); for he was very much interested in obtaining supplies of machines which he was under the existent conditions able to get from us. Mr. Malaxa also was naturally eager to maintain other sources of supply outside of those in Germany, above all from England.

That Malaxa had directly instructed Mr. Tilea in March, 1939, I do not remember ever hearing before. Even in Rumania the statements of Mr. Tilea were regarded as greatly exaggerated. There was absolutely no talk of ultimatum. The agreement (pact), for which I negotiated, went back to a discussion between King Carol and Goring which took place in November. On this occasion I presented the outline of this new economic agreement and King Carol thereupon invited me to come to Rumania.

Whether Malaxa was in Germany in December, 1938 or January, 1939, I do not remember any more. After the execution of the leader of the Iron Guard - Codreanu - a political crisis developed between Germany and Rumania, which was even more intensified by the fact that the Foreign Minister, Von Ribbentrop through the Chief of Protocol, Von Doernberg returned in a most undignified manner a number of Rumanian documents to the Rumanian Minister. In order to rectify this touchy situation, King Carol did not make use of Mr. Malaxa, but dealt numerous times through the former Minister President, Argetoianu.

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It is not without significance that Mr. Malaxa was much interested in seeing that normal relations between Germany and Rumania were reestablished; for without these, he could not successfully carry out his industrial projects.

In collaboration with German industrial firms, Malaxa moreover completed very great construction projects and maintained a supply of machine tools.

If Mr. Malaxa would like to appear today in the eyes of Americans as a great figure of resistance, he probably is counting on the "American mentality" as it appeared in the early years after the War and as it is naturally still esteemed today by specimens of the "Youths of Morning Dew".

I cannot believe that authoritative political circles in Washington and London let themselves be influenced by the statements of Mr. Malaxa. As an East European refugee, who as I hear, was able to rescue considerable sums of money and who, out of a need for recognition, has probably been carried away to make these statements.

Signed by Helmuth Wohlthat