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AMERICAN CONSULATE,
Bremen, Germany,

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December 20, 1948

Lykes Lines Agency, Inc.,
Harbor Administration Building,
Bremen Docks

Sirs:

The Consulate desires to refer to B/L #21 dated August 28, 1948 for the S/S "AMERICAN BANKER", Voyage #22, September 1948, wherein there are listed a total of 90 cases marked ECO-1, Nos. 101-190, consigned to the American Consulate, Bremen, For Heidelberg.

On arrival of the "BANKER", the Consulate arranged with the Bremer Lagerhaus-Gesellschaft and August Kreinjobst to load the cargo direct onto freight car Bremen 7211 for despatching to the Department of Army Detachment, Weinheim, Germany. The Army has now advised the Consulate that four cases, Nos. 127, 129 and 184 containing typewriters and No. 188 containing adding machines were missing on arrival of the car.

The lagerhaus-Gesellschaft and Kreinjobst tallied in the freight car a total of 90 cases with the latter supposedly tallying each case by number. In the above shipment, the Army received two cases of Ford automobile parts marked 17020-C, Boxes No. 2 and 3 consigned to the American Consulate, Bremen, For Heidelberg, which do not appear on the manifest. As the case numbers vary, this leaves some doubt as to the accuracy of the above tallying on this particular shipment. These two cases have been delivered to proper consignee by the Department of Army Detachment, Weinheim, and any claim that may have been filed in New York need not be honored.

The Consulate would appreciate your assistance in requesting verification of tally sheets at port of loading to determine whether or not an error could have been occurred at time of placing cases No. 101-190 aboard vessel.

Thanking you for your early attention to the foregoing, I remain,

Very truly yours,

/s/

Maurice W. Altaffer
American Consul General

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