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The Honorable

The Governor of Illinois,
Springfield.

Sir:

The following is an excerpt of a note which has been received from the German Embassy with reference to the forthcoming visit of the German airship "GRAF ZEPPELIN"

"By direction of my Government, I have the honor, referring to the Embassy's note of August 17th of this year, to inform Your Excellency, hereinafter, of the itinerary of the German airship "Graf Zeppelin" during its projected visit to the United States:

"Coming from Pernambuco, the airship will probably land at Miami, Florida, early on the morning of October 23rd, and will continue the flight to Akron, Ohio, on the same evening; it is to reach Akron on the evening of October 24th. During the night of the 26th a round trip to Chicago from Akron will be started. If weather conditions permit, a call will be made there on the morning of October 27th. The airship will return to Akron on the same day and will start the return trip to Europe from there on October 28th on a direct course.

"Since information has been received from the most varied quarters, as I point out confidentially, according to which the possibility of a Communist

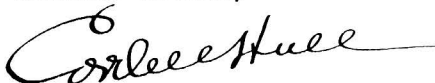
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attack on the airship, which carries the two German national insignia, the black, white and red flag and the swastika, at the stern, is to be taken into consideration during its stay in the United States, I should be grateful to Your Excellency if you would be good enough to request the proper American authorities to take suitable measures for the protection of the airship and those on board."

I trust that it will be possible for you to take adequate precautionary measures in view of the situation described by the German Ambassador.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corleel Hull". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Corleel Hull".