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It has been a great honor for me to be selected by the High Commissioner of Germany to come to this country to study police methods and get acquainted with the Law Enforcement Agencies. The training program for the German police officers has been very carefully selected and has given me the opportunity to acquire all possible knowledge about your governmental system as well as the police methods so that I am able to apply these methods in so far as possible in solutions of our own police problems. Starting this program with an introduction to American government was a well-considered thought which was interesting and useful, otherwise it would have been very difficult to understand your set-up of police. For the benefit of those groups who will follow, I do hope any future program will start with this subject because they are principally necessary. Very interesting on behalf of this program has been the visit to the Capital Building, to the Senior Government Day at Eastern High School, and to the County Clerk's office at East Mason.

The second part of the training program was delegated to police work. It would be unjust to look for any criticism because every possible effort has been made to supply this group with the best of police knowledge. I don't find it necessary to go into details, but I certainly would like to say a few words about some of the outstanding lecturers we have had.

Capt. Don Kooken - From the Indiana State Police.

Richard Holcomb - State University of Iowa.

Mr. Inbau - outstanding in Interrogation Methods.

Professor Scott - was admirable, inspiring, should be given more time.

Professor Turner - Clear pronunciation, also helpful and cooperative.

Last but not least, I think this exchange program is a wonderful idea and I am very grateful to have this opportunity to be here and learn not only technical skills of police administration, but also to say and understand something of the great country toward which the rest of the world and the free nations look up as the great bulwark of democracy.

Albert Mueller

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To: Police and Administration
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Most interesting were the visits we made to Eastern High School, to the courts, to the State Capital and to other departments. These visits were helpful to me in understanding the way of self-government in the local and state levels. During the first week and in the first lessons, we should not have asked the professors to much which is not on the program of these lessons. I wrote all in my book and I am looking it over. These things confuse me and the other officers too. Later on in the program we got outlines which were very helpful. Professor Miller did the best job. We spent some hours in his room after his speech, asking him a lot of questions which came up after his lecture.

We hear about the problems of different chiefs of police. It was very interesting for me. Interesting lectures were those by Chief Hoyt, Professor Scott, Mr. Inbau, and Professor Turner.

I would like so the next group would hear about criminal law and the law procedure given by Professor Scott, who gave us on the last days the most important lectures on good manners. Also the female officers speaking about their problems in Lansing police work.

In finishing my criticism, I would say that the background in police science and of other departments should be shortened, and the real police work in lectures, as in Professor Scott's, Turner's, and Chief Hoyt's and other officers could be had.

Geord Schneider

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To: Police and Administration
Michigan State College

Very interesting was the Senior government day at Eastern High. We all found that in the first days some things were different than we understood and was written down in our books during our lessons. For this reason, we began after the lessons with some fellows in the group to translate it into German and write it by the typewriter. In general, we ask all speakers questions after each lesson, but it was different to ask in the class room and to have a more informal talk in the livingrooms after, we could think over the lecture.

It was interesting to visit the capital and we enjoyed to meet Governor Williams. I found I like to undertake to say Chief Hoyt seemed more like a very good fellow to us and I am sure he will be so to his officers in Kalamazoo. I wished I had a chief like him. It was interesting for me to have been the guest at the chief of police in Detroit, and to hear something about your problems. The lecturers, Professor Scott, Inbau, Turner, were very good. All these speakers gave me a good foundation to understand the various things. I am sorry that my education was not so free as it is in your country. This and my not so good English language like my other German fellows speak make me reluctant to ask questions. During the lesson I find sometimes the confused stuff and make the teacher busy with questions.

I find it more important to speak long about arrest, searches, and seizures by Professor Scott who spoke in this last week about this stuff, but in general his speeches and lessons were good arranged. My best wishes for you and the police department in Michigan State College.

Yours truly

Walter Schulz