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Dear Ralph,

I was indeed surprised, when I saw - already in Lansing, of course - that You signed Your cordial dedication with Your First name. This is not usual in Germany, because University Professors like to keep a long distance ^{between} themselves and their students. That they do not in the States, was one of most appreciable impressions, I got at MSC. The first time, when I observed this relation of confidence and privacy between MSC-instructors and students, was in a little restaurant outside of Lansing. Some Professors of the Political Science Department ^(Mr. Grimes) and a couple of students had together a drink and no stranger would have been able to say who are the one and who the others. -

Being back now in Germany, I am busy in studying and collecting all the material, which I got during my trip, It is a big heap. Besides I got about 700 Fotos. Two weeks ago I started my first lecture, concerning general impressions and partly traffic affairs. Especially in traffic matters we learned and saw a lot of important things. The traffic situation in America shows - no doubt - the situation, which we have to expect in 20 or 30 Years in Europe. The experiences in other police branches are not so different to those in my country. The main point is in most cases the question of better equipment in the states as a reason of money. I know, most american police experts do not agree with this argument, because they cannot imagine our poorness. But You can probably, When

I tell You, that the state police of Bavaria is forced to sell a great number of its trace trained police dogs, because there is no money to feed them. Believe it or not, - it is really true! Or another problem: If the State police does not get a higher radio stat, it will last about 100 years to buy radio equipment only for our rural traffic police. In Upper Bavaria they are able to buy one a year (population: 9 000 000).

Of course, besides of those troubles, there are a lot of things we can learn and transfer from America to Bavaria. My lectures - 4 furtherware in preparation - will be a good help to instruct the responsible german police authorities.

I am sorry that we had only some few hours to listen to Your instructions. I would have been glad to hear more. Although police laboratory sciences are in Germany a job of specialists who do not belong to the police, it was always one of my hobbies. Another hobby was traffic. It must not be longer, because after being back I was moved from the detective service to the traffic branch. Now I am in charge of all traffic affairs in Upper Bavaria.

I add a couple of prints and I hope You and Yours colleagues will like to remember our stay when You have a look on it. I myself am not to be seen because I was always the fotographer.

Please convey my best regards to all the gentlemen I became acquainted with, especially to Mr. Scott, Miller, Blackford, Wigbee, Leonhard, Munsterberg, Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Brandstatter and his secretary (I forgot her name).

My best wishes for You and many thanks once more for Your friendship. Your sincerely

Gottwald