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In reply refer to
GEA 461.629/5-950

My dear Senator Lucas:

This letter is in reply to your communication of May 9, 1950 with which you enclosed a letter from Mrs. McGanin of 7270 Clarence Avenue, Chicago, concerning shipments of steel from Germany to the Soviet area.

As you know, Western European dependence upon other countries as a source of raw materials and grains necessitates a reasonable amount of East-West trade if a sound Western European economy is to be maintained and dependence on American help reduced. Payment for imports of food stuffs and raw materials is made in the form of products from the more highly developed Western European industry. Thus a certain amount of steel and steel products has been exported from Western Germany, as is the case for other Western European countries, notably the United Kingdom and France.

In order to avoid undesirable contributions to the build-up of the Soviet military potential, it is the policy of the United States Government to control exports of a war potential nature from the United States and to consult with foreign countries on the control of the export of items of a security nature to the Soviet area. Therefore this government has, in cooperation with the British and French members of the High Commission for Germany, taken steps to regulate the export to the East of certain types of steel and steel products from Germany in a manner designed to contribute to a sound internal economy and at the same time to reduce to a minimum the occupational expenses and the consequent burden on the United States taxpayer. In the German interzonal trade, this is, the trade of Western Germany with Eastern Germany, the overextension of credit on the part of some Western Zone industrialists has caused the German Federal Republic to impose an embargo on the issuance of Warenbegleitscheine (export licenses) for steel. This action has, at the present time, resulted in steel shipments, from the Western Zone to the Soviet Zone, being held in abeyance.

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The Honorable
Scott W. Lucas
United States Senate.

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Collaboration by the United States Government with other governments interested in the export control program has resulted in substantial progress in this field and every effort is being exerted to strengthen these ties of international cooperation.

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As requested, Mrs. McGanin's letter is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Jack K. McFall
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure: ✓

Mrs. McGanin's letter
of May 3, 1950.

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My dear Senator Lucas:

This is in reply to your communication of May 9, 1950 concerning shipments of steel from Germany to the Soviet area.

As you know, Western European dependence upon Eastern Europe ~~other~~ countries as a source for raw materials and grains necessitates ~~a reasonable amount of~~ East-West trade if a sound Western European economy is to be maintained ~~& dependent~~ on American help reduced. Payment for ~~Western European~~ imports ~~of food stuffs & raw materials~~ is made in the form of products from the more highly ~~developed~~ technical Western European industry. Thus a certain amount of steel and steel products ~~have~~ been exported from Western Germany, as is the case for other Western European countries, notably the United Kingdom and France.

In order to avoid ~~undesirable~~ contributions to the build-up

of the Soviet military potential, it is the policy of the United States Government to ~~consult~~ ^{cooperate with} foreign countries on the control of the export of items of a security nature to the Soviet area.

Therefore this government has, in cooperation with the British and

French members of the High Commission for Germany, taken steps to

regulate the export ^{to the East} of certain types of steel and steel products

from Germany in a manner designed to contribute to a sound internal

economy and at the same time reduce occupational expenses and the

consequent burden on the United States taxpayer to a minimum.

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Sincerely yours,

~~Henry Koch
Officer in Charge
German Trade and Finance
Bureau of German Affairs~~

Jack McFall

As requested,

Mrs. Mc Ginnis letter is being returned herewith. ~~as requested~~

Enclosure:

*Mrs. Mc Ginnis letter
May 3, 1950*

United States Senate

Washington, D. C., May 9, 1950

Respectfully referred to

Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Will you advise me in regard to
the attached, returning the same
with your reply in duplicate?

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7270 Clarence Ave.
May 3, 1950
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Senator:

Listening to my radio last night a program on WCFL Frank Edwards commentuato of the news, he stated that under our noses in Germany they are sending steel to Russia from the Sarr Basin instead of Western Europe when the German war machine plunder & rape their industries if this is going on than I believe in the coming elections we should have new blood in Washington. As a mother of four school children and a good Demoncrate I will not vote for any Senator or administration who allows this sort to go on & have my son to fight another war in future years. Please do something if this is going on in Germany. Please do not allow the Russian war machine to be fed steel. Let it go to Western Europe to get her industries on her feet to stop Communism.

Your sincerely

Mrs. McGanin

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United States Senate

May 22, 1950

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Respectfully referred to

Department of State
Washington 25 D.C.

with thanks for such favorable consideration as

the communication herewith submitted warrants,

and for a report thereon, duplicate to ~~DEPARTMENT OF STATE~~ ¹⁵⁰ Bureau of German Affairs, ² and ¹⁴ for ¹⁴ ~~return of inclosure.~~

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Mrs. Mary Gorman
R.F.D. - Mindres Ave.
Bayshore, N. Y.

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Dear Senator Ives,

I think an investigation should be made into the reports that Western Germany is shipping steel to Russia.

Best Wishes

Mrs. M. Gorman

Please reply

(Please return
to room 360
Senate Office Building)

In reply refer to
GEA 461.629/5-2250

MAY 29 1950

My dear Senator Ives:

This is in reply to your communication of May 22, 1950, with which you enclosed a post card from Mrs. M. Gorman of R.F.D. 1, Mindres Avenue, Bayshore, New York, concerning shipments of steel from Germany to the Soviet orbit.

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The Honorable
Irving M. Ives,
United States Senate.

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As you requested, Mrs. Gorman's post card is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Jack K. McFall
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Mrs. Gorman's post card
of May 17, 1950.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GEA - J.T. Rogers

DATE: December 5, 1951

FROM : BNA - A.G. Ronhovde *NR*

SUBJECT: Suggested Reply for Norwegian Question.

It has been ascertained by the Department that the Norwegian ship in question, namely the Stavangefjord, arrived in New York in early November with a cargo of nickel destined for private industry. However, due to a wildcat strike of dock workers at the Port of New York the ship was not unloaded. Under present legislation it was impossible to force the dock workers to unload the ship. Due to the delay in unloading and the desire not to hold up the ship's schedule, the Master of the ship elected not to unload at any other strike-free port but to return to Europe.

It is regretted that no action was possible at that time to unload this cargo immediately, however, it has subsequently been learned that the nickel has been brought back to the United States.

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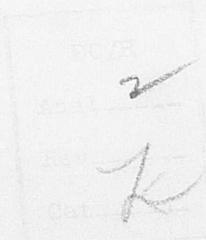
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December 5, 1951

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November 29, 1951

In reply refer to
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My dear Miss Wherry:

I have received your letter of November 21, 1951 addressed to Mr. McFall enclosing a letter from Mrs. Virginia Santo of Erlton, New Jersey concerning the selling of scrap iron by Germany to the Soviet Union and the turning away of a Norwegian ship loaded with cobalt and nickel from New York harbor.

The Department is presently conducting an inquiry into these two matters and will advise you of the results as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ben H. Brown, Jr.
Acting Assistant Secretary

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Miss Elizabeth Wherry,
c/o Senator H. Alexander Smith,
United States Senate.

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Miss Elizabeth Wherry
c/o Senator H. Alexander Smith,
United States Senate.

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Sincerely yours,

Ben H. Brown, Jr.
Acting Assistant Secretary

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Mrs. Elizabeth Wherry
c/o Senator H. Alexander Smith,
United States Senate.

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My dear Miss Wherry:

I refer to your letter of November 21, 1951 addressed to Mr. McFall enclosing an inquiry from Mrs. Virginia Santo of Erlton, New Jersey, concerning the sale of scrap iron by Germany to the Soviet Union and the turning away of a Norwegian ship loaded with cobalt and nickel from New York Harbor. I refer also to the interim reply of November 29, 1951.

So far as the Department can determine there is no plan for the sale of scrap iron or steel from Western Germany to the Soviet Union. The export of scrap from Germany is under extremely strict control with virtually all exports coming to the Western countries.

There has, however, been some discussion recently between Germany and Czechoslovakia regarding the export to Czechoslovakia of a small quantity of scrap of slight strategic importance in return for badly needed brown coal and other essential imports. In spite of the fact that the type of scrap in question is not desired by the Western countries, this Department is not convinced that the net advantage of such a transaction would accrue to the West. I can assure you that United States representatives in Germany are consequently following this matter closely in order to protect the security interests of this country.

With regard

Miss Elizabeth Wherry,
c/o Senator H. Alexander Smith,
United States Senate.

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With regard to the turning away of the Norwegian vessel, it has been ascertained by the Department that the ship in question, namely the Stavangeifjord, arrived in New York in early November with a cargo of nickel destined for private industry. However, owing to a wildcat strike of dock workers at the Port of New York the ship was not unloaded. Under present legislation it was impossible to force the dock workers to unload the ship. Because of the delay in unloading the ship and the desire not to hold up the ship's schedule, the master of the ship elected not to unload at any other strike-free port but to return to Europe.

It is regretted that no action was possible at that time to unload this cargo immediately; however, it has subsequently been learned that the nickel has been brought back to the United States.

Mrs. Santo's letter is returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ben H. Brown, Jr.
Acting Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

From Mrs. Santo,
November 7, 1951.

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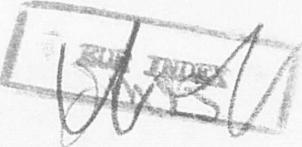
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November 21, 1951

Jack K. McFall

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed is a letter which Senator Smith has just received from Mrs. Virginia Santo of Erlton, New Jersey, concerning "business as usual" between Germany and Russia and the turning away of a Norwegian ship loaded with cobalt and nickel from New York harbor.

I would appreciate your sending me a report on these conditions keeping in mind that I plan to send a copy directly to Mrs. Santo. Please return the enclosed letter for our files.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Wherry
Elizabeth Wherry
Administrative Assistant

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The Honorable Jack K. McFall
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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Reply sent by J. Rogers
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My dear Miss Wherry:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 21, 1951 ~~addressed to Mr. McFall~~ and to the Department's reply of December 14, 1951 concerning German scrap iron sales to Russia and the difficulties a Norwegian ship had in attempting to unload cobalt and nickel at New York harbor.

The letter from Mrs. Virginia Santo of Erlton, New Jersey, which was enclosed with your communication of November 21, is returned herewith for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Jack K. McFall
Assistant Secretary

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From Mrs. Santo,
November 7, 1951.

Miss Elizabeth Wherry
Administrative Assistant,
Office of Senator H. Alexander Smith,
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