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My Lord,

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With reference to paragraph 3 of my despatch No. 1133 of the 9th October, I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship herewith a copy of a memorandum drawn up by His Majesty's Consulate General at New York describing the trial of Fritz Kuhn, "Fuehrer" of the German-American Bund, on charges of larceny and forgery. Since the memorandum was written Kuhn has been awarded a sentence of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 years imprisonment. He is now in Sing Sing.

2. The Bund represent their erstwhile leader as a martyr, the "first American prisoner of war", as their paper puts it. In spite of this it is fairly safe to predict that the career of this particular "Fuehrer" is finished and that we shall not hear any more about him. The Nazis themselves seem to realize that the Bund is thoroughly discredited and to be turning their attention to more subtle means of propaganda and subversion. The German Consul-General in San Francisco, Captain Wiedemann, for instance has on a recent occasion openly expressed his disapproval of the Bund and has advised Germans in the United States to stay clear of it. Of course it is always possible that it may be their intention to appear to repudiate the Bund simply in order to withdraw its activities from an unwelcome limelight.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant,
(Sgd) LOTSIAN

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