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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
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Dear Paget,

You may have noticed in the papers that a new proposal is on the tapis for a Senate enquiry into foreign propaganda. The proposal emanated from one of the more unfriendly Senators who has many Germans in his State, and is therefore in all probability aimed less at unearthing German and Communistic propaganda than at putting the Allies on the spot. A highly placed American official who will have to furnish information for the Senatorial enquiry is well aware of the organised German propaganda that is rife, and he has invited us to furnish him very confidentially with as much authentic evidence as possible that we may have in our possession of German propagandist

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activities in this country. It will, I think, give him some solid and patriotic pleasure to make the enquiry something of a bommerang.

The Embassy itself will be getting out from its own files a fully documented memorandum on enemy propaganda as revealed in the press, pamphlets, speeches of German officials, etc., but we think it important to take full advantage of this invitation. The official in question is trustworthy and we would like to give him as much inside information as we properly can about the personalities involved and their organisation and background. We realise that much of this ground is covered already by the Dies Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation etc., and that there is little information available to us that is not probably already available to and to some extent from these bodies. Also we realise that there are details in the kind of information that you may have which we ought to keep strictly to ourselves. Subject to this, however, if you could let us

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have a memorandum giving in an easily digestible form as much circumstantial evidence as you can of what the Germans are doing in the way of propoganda, it would be very useful for the purpose indicated above. Any such memorandum had better be typed on plain paper so as not to give away its source.

Yours ever,

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P.S. I should perhaps add that the information on the principle of his dat qui cito dat is rather urgently required; especially as the question of German propoganda activity has now been stirred up by their recent White Book.