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 to ... at ... Santa Barbara, California.
 Feb. 4th 1918.
 Herbert N. White Esq.
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. White: -

Three days ago, while 40 miles out of Tucson, Arizona, I picked up a paper and read of the examination of C. F. von Petersdorff, City Engineer of Tucson, for unusual acts in aiding the Germans etc. a year or two ago.

The man is an out-and-out venter of the Hindenburg type physically. Though a naturalized citizen he testified of an effort to rule Canada for von Papen and Rasen von Loebenhausen - German Consul in Seattle - to report on property owned by them etc. Loebenhausen paid him \$1000. or thereabouts. He also attempted a similar escapade near Tampico, Mexico, for German officials.

I read it only partly, haven't the full details in mind. But I can tell you this for almost a certainty: It is a lie. I know Loebenhausen and am pretty positive he owned no property on this continent.

I can probably find out if necessary.

Osterdahl was bound over to appear before the Grand Jury on 1/7.

In my judgement this is not the kind of man to hold any office under our Government ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} name, ~~and~~ ^{and} I haven't the slightest doubt but that he was a willing & unrepentant tool of the ~~and~~ ^{and} country of his nativity.

Such influence as your Department can bring toward clipping his wings would I feel sure be advisable. If you have any data regarding him it would undoubtedly be wise to forward it to the Department that will have charge of his case.

Very respectfully,
Yours,
Marshall P. ...

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