Dr. Friedrich Schnek

Kenadsa, 20 th. Nov. 1942

Dear Mister Zaga,

A few days ago I have troubled you with a wire in which I beh you in my name and in the name of my comerades (I whired you with the name of Henry Schaffer to see Mister Mez in order to inform the British and American Authorities absout the extremt serious situation in which we are involved since almost two years and which has only accentuated since the last events. For having been treated until November 42 as "bande de sales juifs, sales communistes etc." we are said now to be "sales Boches". One starts already to refer to fictional assertions of American officials in order to keep us down. It may be added that the local military authorities prevent us by all imaginable subterfuges and acts of terror from communicating with the British and American Authorities, even though there are here English and American citations as prisoners as ourselves. Details would lead too far. The censure has been rendered still more severe.

I have just red that Mr. Murphy fields an important job in Algers and I know that you are in the best terms with him. I would be glad if you would have the kindness to get in touch with him and with Mr. Knox, on our behalf.

By the way it might intrest Mr. Murphy that the cousin of one of his friends, Mr. Courtland Hoppin, leaves here as prisoner us ourselves. This very dear friend of mine's is a very good friend of Mr. Woodroff Wollner, the secretary of this U.S.A. Ambassade, formerly in Vichy. This young man is of highest importance for commun cause, as Mr. Murphy can imagin. The Will interest the Occupying Authorities as well that there are here Poles, Tchecoslovacians etc. and also about 20 former members of the A.M.P.C. (British Expeditionary Force of 1940). — A few days ago the Wireless is said to have transmitted a message from President Roosevelt asking that Liberty should be given back immediately to all political prisoners of the facistic France. Here the officers preparent the contrary. Please help us.

Your very sincerly

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

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