FOREIGN OFFICE

3 October 1938

British Liaison Officer U.S. Embassy London

SUBJECT: Unfortunate Incident: Missing Persons Police Report

Matter arising from incident involving an interruption to the discussions by unauthorised persons during the Prime Minister's negotiations with Herr Hitler at Munich.

Information to on-pass U.S. Embassy London

Sir,

The Prime Minister has strongly requested that no mention should be made publicly of this matter, which he regards as a most unfortunate distraction from the otherwise satisfactory outcome of the negotiations.

The P.M. is of the opinion that such disclosure runs the risk of undermining the public appreciation of his great diplomatic achievement in maintaining the peace of Europe.

Therefore this matter is to be classified as secret and no mention must be made to any unauthorised persons. All concerned have been made aware of the penalties for disclosure.

It appears from information supplied by the Munich police that the persons involved have now been categorised as Missing Persons and since this includes an American national the information may be on-passed to the American Embassy in London on the same restricted basis as outlined above.

I have the Honour to be Your Obedient Servant



The Rt Hon Sir Robert Vansittart Permanent Under-Secretary For Foreign Affairs

Enclosure: Translation German Police report