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I once took over a state which was faced by complete ruin thanks to its trust in the promises of the rest of the world and to the bad regime of democratic governments. In this state were roughly 140 people to each square kilometer—not 15, as in America. The fertility of our country cannot be compared with that of yours.

We lack numerous minerals which nature has placed at your disposal in unlimited quantities.

Billions of German savings accumulated in gold and foreign exchange during many years of peace were squeezed out of us and taken from us. We lost our colonies. In 1933 I had in my country seven million unemployed, a few million workers on half-time, millions of peasants sinking into poverty, destroyed trade, ruined commerce; in short general chaos.

Since then, Mr. Roosevelt, I have only been able to fulfil one simple task. I cannot feel myself responsible for the fate of the world as this world took no interest in the pitiful state of my own people.

I have regarded myself as called upon by Providence to serve my own people alone and to deliver them from their frightful misery. Consequently during past six and one-half years, I have lived day and night for the single task of awakening the powers of my people, in view of our desertion by the whole of rest of world, of developing these powers to the utmost and of utilizing them for the salvation of our community.

I have conquered chaos in Germany, re-established order and enormously increased production in all branches of our national economy, by strenuous efforts produced substitutes for numerous materials which we lack, smoothed the way for new inventions, developed traffic, caused mighty roads to be built and canals to be dug, called into being gigantic new factories and at the same time endeavored to further the education and culture of our people.

I have succeeded in finding useful work once more for the whole of seven million unemployed who so appeal to hearts of us all, in keeping the German peasant on his soil in spite of all difficulties and in saving the land itself for him, in once more bringing German trade to a peak and in assisting traffic to the utmost.

As precaution against the threats of another world war not only have I united the German people politically, but I have also rearmed them; I have also endeavored to destroy sheet by sheet that treaty which in its 448 articles contains the vilest oppression which peoples and human beings have ever been expected to put up with.

I have brought back to the Reich provinces stolen from us in 1919, I have led back to their native country millions of Germans who were torn away from us and were in misery, I have re-established the

historic unity of German living space and, Mr. Roosevelt, I have endeavored to attain all this without spilling blood and without bringing to my people and consequently to others the misery of war.

I, who 21 years ago was an unknown worker and soldier of my people have attained this, Mr. Roosevelt, by my own energy and can therefore in the face of history claim a place among those men who have done the utmost which can be fairly and justly demanded from a single individual.

You, Mr. Roosevelt, have a much easier task in comparison. You became president of United States in 1933 when I became chancellor of the Reich. In other words, from the very outset, you stepped to the head of one of the largest and wealthiest states in the world.

to feed scarcely 15 people per square kilometer in your country. You have at your disposal the most unlimited mineral resources in the world. As result of the large area covered by your country and the fertility of your fields you are enabled to insure for each individual American ten times the amount of commodities possible in Germany. Nature has in any case enabled you to do this.

In spite of the fact that the population of your country is scarcely one-third greater than the number of inhabitants in Greater Germany you possess more than 15 times as much living space. Conditions prevailing in your country are on such a large scale that you can find time and leisure to give your attention to universal problems. Consequently the world is undoubtedly so small for you that you perhaps believe that your intervention and action can be effective everywhere.

In this sense, therefore, your concerns and suggestions cover a much larger and wider area than mine because my world, Mr. Roosevelt, in which Providence has placed me and for which I am therefore obliged to work, is unfortunately much smaller although for me it is more precious than anything else for it is limited to my people!

I believe, however, that this is the way in which I can be of the most service to that for which we are all concerned, namely, the justice, well-being, progress and peace of the whole human community.