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Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of June 18th, I do not hesitate to write to you what I have already stated publicly many times, both in Canada and in this country,- that, as far as we know, Canadian nickel has not been going to Germany for a long time, with the single exception of the shipment on the Deutschland referred to by us several months ago.

Even in this instance, as shown by our story, the nickel which left New London on the Deutschland had been in the United States for at least two years prior to being shipped and, as far as we know, the officers of the International Nickel Company had long since lost all interest in or connection with that particular tonnage.

It has always seemed inconceivable to us that the officers of that corporation should have ever deliberately permitted any direct traffic of this kind since the beginning of the war, and we know of no instance where this has been done.

We have noted with concern that our assertion with regard to the shipment of the nickel referred to on the Deutschland was in some quarters taken to mean that there was