

grateful if permission could be granted for de Kobbe's admission in transit in order to board the *S.S. Magallanes* on February 6th in New Orleans. The Government would also be glad to know whether his entry from Montreal and his travelling to New Orleans via Washington would meet the convenience of the United States authorities who will no doubt wish to keep him under surveillance while he is in the country. Ends.

The Foreign Office have repeated their exchanges of telegrams with Madrid to the United Kingdom Embassy in Washington. I think, therefore, that it would be advisable for you to inform the Embassy that the above note is being presented to the Department of State.

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au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Ambassador in United States
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELETYPE WA-449

Washington, January 24, 1944

IMMEDIATE; MOST SECRET. Following for Robertson, Begins: Your EX-320[†] and EX-321, January 22, de Kobbe case:

Mahoney called on Berle this morning and handed to him most secret memorandum[†] in same wording set forth your teletype EX-321, January 22. Berle was simultaneously informed fully of contents of your EX-323, January 23.[†]

Berle said that permission would be granted for de Kobbe's admission to United States under surveillance, while in this country, and that he would arrange with F.B.I. to send a security officer to Montreal where security officer will contact R.C.M.P. and make arrangements for surveillance from border.

Berle further stated that for the present he desired to withhold judgement on question of United States authorities permitting de Kobbe to sail on *S.S. Magallanes* from New Orleans. Berle wishes to consult security authorities before saying definitely that de Kobbe will be permitted to sail on steamer mentioned.

British Embassy will be informed this afternoon of action taken in this matter. Ends.