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Monsieur le Charge d'Affairs,

Under instructions from my Government, I have the honour to send you the following communication:

In October 1939, the Bank of Poland deposited with the branch of the Bank of France at Nevers 1,208 cases containing gold bars and currency. According to directions given in May, 1940, by the Bank of Poland to the Bank of France, these cases were transferred to the branch of the Bank of France at Angouleme. Such arrangement was made in order that the shipment, on request of the Bank of Poland, might be forwarded to North America. Later on, upon orders from the Governor of the Bank of France, such gold was shipped to Lorient where it was entrusted to the French naval authorities. On behalf of the Bank of Poland, the shipment was accompanied by the Director of the Bank Monsieur Stefan Michalski. The administration of the Bank of Poland commissioned Monsieur Michalski to deposit this gold for the account of the Bank of Poland in an American bank.

According to information received by the Polish Government, such shipment did not take the route intended and is presently at Dakar. The Polish Government has the honour to request the French Government, pursuant to previous arrangements, to issue orders to the effect that the shipment now at Dakar might be forwarded without delay to the United States of America.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Raczynski  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary.

Monsieur le Ministre  
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