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1 b 13	June 4 [Rec'd June 5]	From the Swiss Minister	Representation of Austria-Hungary in the Philippines by Switzerland.	620
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	Feb. 7	To the Ambassador in Great Britain (tel.); the same to France, Greece, Japan, Portugal, Roumania, Morocco, Russia, and Egypt	Germany has intrusted its interests in the United States and all belligerent countries to Switzerland, except in Russia where Sweden has charge.	623
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5993	Apr. 13	From the Ambassador in Great Britain (tel.)	Swiss Minister has requested that archives of former German division of Embassy be turned over to him. Requests permission to refuse.	626
4703	Apr. 17	To the Ambassador in Great Britain (tel.)	Instructions to refuse to turn over to Swiss Minister the Embassy archives of former German division but to permit records to be copied.	627
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5673	Feb. 12	From the Ambassador in Great Britain (tel.)	Reported that Germany will no longer permit American members of relief commission to operate in Belgium. Recommends that Americans retire.	636
39	Feb. 13 [Rec'd Feb. 14]	From the British Ambassador	British determination to continue Belgian relief work as far as feasible under German restrictions.	637
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5748	Feb. 24	From the Ambassador in Great Britain (tel.): from the Belgian Relief Commission, for Hoover also	Commission resolved to send vessels to Rotterdam direct, without safe-conduct, requesting the United States to hold Germany responsible.	643
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257	Feb. 26	To the Minister in Belgium (tel.)	Instructions to advise Americans to leave Belgium and to facilitate their departure.	645
5767	Feb. 27	From the Ambassador in Great Britain (tel.): from the Belgian Relief Commission, for Hoover also	British Government has warned Germany that unless safe-conduct granted, relief ships' cargoes will be unloaded and sold.	646
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