owned, had contracts to manufacture Army vehicles for the German Wehrmacht. Maybe from the business standpoint, that made sense: a cost-plus foreign policy on both ends. From the political standpoint, it made no sense at all; we were buying military security from a seller who undermined this security in another part of the world.

The Consul had other information, too, so explosive that it should have been set off in explosions in London, Washington or Paris, in particular a letter from the Frenchman who had come to Algeria to organize the corporation, whose mail merely had passed through the State Department censors. But nothing had been done and he was so burned up that he determined to speak whether or not the speech might keep him in Algeria for the rest of his career. Hence the dispatch, which was to go ignored until the war was almost over, to come to light one day in Treasury investigations, the report of which was to lie buried until Carl Krauch took the stand in his own defense at the Farben trial.

"Regarding your requests to communicate directly, I must caution you that all letters are censored, and my letters will contain the truth but very often not all the truth... The situation is doing nicely...Within 3 weeks expect to reach a production of 20 trucks a day, which was better than what our less fortunate French competitors are doing. The reason is that our trucks are in very large demand by the German authorities and I believe that as long as the war goes on and at least for some period of time, all that we shall produce will be taken by the German authorities...I will satisfy myself by telling you that...