

Telephone Conversation between
Mr. Stewart C. Pratt, Vice-Pres. City
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New York City, and Mr. Landis.

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Mr. Pratt: (Mr. Pratt reads his proposed reply to our letter of May 19)

The German Government, I should think, would be glad to furnish the information desired. It was just on that one point that I thought if you thought it proper to give me an idea as to what additional data the Commission might want. Would they want more information on the unrecorded debt?

Mr. Landis: Well, they would like it certainly, I suppose.

Mr. Pratt: As I told you in Washington, the only thing that I'm interested in is just to prevent the creation of the situation that might result. If you would like to get the financial data as you told me in your letter, then it's up to them to determine what to do.

Mr. Landis: Yes.

Mr. Pratt: But my guess would be that if the Commission is going to reopen that question of the unrecorded debt, which I don't think the Commission desires, and I don't think the German Government would want particularly.

Mr. Landis: Well, that's what I would have to take up. The only question I presented to the Commission is the question as to whether or not it could be done by amendment and that question was determined in the negative.

Mr. Pratt: As I say, if the Commission's decision merely wishes the latest figures with respect to the admitted debt of the German Reich, my guess would be, without going into this question on the record, although I have nothing to base it on, they would be very glad to give you the latest figures. I don't believe that you would care particularly to have the bother of going through the same situation that we went through the last time.