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Honorable John J. McCloy
United States High Commissioner
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My dear Mr. Commissioner:

There has been brought to my attention an inquiry concerning the status of the decree of the Nuremberg tribunal in regard to the Krupp properties. As I understand it, these properties were ordered to be confiscated. I am advised that General Clay confirmed that decree.

According to the information given me, nothing has been done to effectuate the Krupp decree in the many months since it was issued. I am told that the properties have merely been controlled under occupation orders and directives having nothing to do with the judicial decree for confiscation.

I would very much appreciate your advising me concerning the attitude of your office on this matter and what is proposed to be done with the decree. I do not, of course, know whether the responsibility for executing this decree is actually vested in your office. Hence, I am merely making an inquiry. I would also be interested to know what the situation is with regard to the Krupp properties in the British Zone.

I read your recent speech with great interest and, I must say, with great approval. I hope to see favorable results flow from that very powerful and timely address.

With every good wish.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman