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Thursday,
November 21, 1929.
Montreal, Quebec.

Consulate General of Germany,
1440 St. Catherine West,
City.

Sir:

I would greatly appreciate if you would procure for me the following information in connection with a motor boat trip which I am taking through the inland waters of Europe, early in the Spring. I intend to pass through Germany on the following route:

Coming from the North Sea and proceeding on the Rhine up to Lake Constance in Switzerland. Coming back on the Elbe to Hamburg, Kiel Canal and back on the Oder. I believe that Berlin is approachable either from the Elbe or from the Oder, also that the rivers are navigable all the way through.

I would appreciate any detailed information you may be able to give me, as well as any maps or charts you can procure from the department of waterways.

The boat has about six inches or at the most one foot of draft and is about twenty-two feet long.

The trip will at the same time follow some commercial objectives in connection with American boating industry. Perhaps you will be able to give me also information on the following:

What duty is charged in Germany

- (a) on motor boats U.S.A. provenience with inbuilt gasoline engines.
- (b) on runabouts and small cruisers up to fifty feet and O.A.I.
- (c) on boats without engines, especially small outboards.
- (d) on marine engines and outboard motors if sold without boats.

Wm I Smith Zolbert

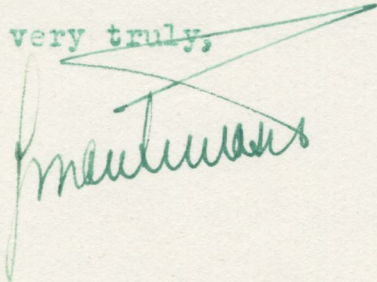
Consulate General of Germany.

What formalities are necessary to pass through your country with a foreign boat?

If I am taking the liberty to trouble you to such an extent, I hope that on the other hand my trip may serve to attract public attention to the feasibility of international water travel through your country. The description of the trip will be published in a large number of leading magazines in several languages.

I thank you for the courtesy of a reply and beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. J. Masin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed name. There is a large, diagonal scribble or mark over the signature area.

F. J. Masin,
389 St. Paul St. West,
Montreal, Quebec.