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Mr. Charles P. Steinmetz,
General Electric Co.,
Schenectady, New York.

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:-

As you probably know, we are asking prominent German-Americans throughout the country to give their reasons for supporting Mr. Hughes in the coming election, and as I know that your name has great weight with many of our people, particularly those who are inclined to vote the Socialist ticket, which in this year would simply be throwing away their votes, I feel that you might be willing to give us a short statement of your position with regard to Mr. Hughes, which we could use in the Staats-Zeitung.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Wortmann, who tells me that he will see you tomorrow, Saturday, so that if you do not care to go to the labor of getting up a statement yourself, Mr. Wortmann or Mr. Dannhauser of the Troy Freie Presse would be very glad to do the work for you.

I consider it a misfortune that I did not have the opportunity of seeing you on Thursday, but I will make it a point to see you whenever I am in your neighborhood again.

Very sincerely yours,

Victor F. Ridder

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