

Hull Hints Action T-H
Against Von Spiegel 9/18/40

Secretary of State Cordell Hull yesterday hinted that the State Department may take disciplinary action against Baron Edgar von Spiegel, German consul general at New Orleans.

Discussing Von Spiegel at a press conference, Hull said the department is paying close attention to his past and present activities in connection with events which might occur in the future. He declined to elaborate but it was regarded as indicating the possibility of formal State Department action.

The department recently sent a note to the German Embassy, warning that foreign diplomats who sought to interfere in domestic matters would be regarded as persona non grata and asked to leave the country. The note was prompted by a purported interview in which Von Spiegel was quoted as saying Germany would not forget the attitude of the United States, in connection with post-war stabilization moves.