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Europäischer Hof.

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for your letter of the 10th. I could not answer before I got all statistics.

I allow me to send you separately a map showing the results of plebiscite in Upper Silesia. You will see by this map that if one wanted to draw the frontier accordingly with these results, one could easily hand over the towns of Koenigshütte and Kattowitz to Germany. In the town of Koenigshütte which is not yet two English miles situated from the new frontier in Poland, of about 42.000 votes 31.848 have been given for Germany. Nobody can understand with us how the Council of the League of Nations could decide that this town of 74.811 inhabitants with doubtless^b high German majority has been handed over to Poland. It is quite the same thing^c with Kattowitz (22.774 German and 3900 Polish votes and 45422 inhabitants). Pretty nearly all the villages between Koenigshütte and Kattowitz as Antonienhutte, Bismarkhutte, Chorzow, Schwientochlowitz, Zalenze and Hohenlinde have given a German majority, only Lipine and Domb a Polish one. In this whole country were 90.110 votes for Germany and 46.490 for Poland. *This party has been given now to Poland*^d. I am sure that if your Lordship have a glance on the map you will quite understand that the public feeling in Germany is convinced of the injustice of the decision about Upper Silesia.

The decision has also highly disappointed the confidence of the Saarpopulation in the impartiality of the Council. I hope that we will find a greater impartiality in our struggle for freedom and selfgovernment.

It is quite sure that if Germany would have been a member of the League of Nations the proceeding could have changed. But the public feeling is that the Council is so hopeless captivated against Germany that nothing had been changed materialy. Of course this is a sign of pessimism about the things going on in the next ten years which is very regrettable perhaps also dangerous. I can see only that this state of mind can be changed if new decisions of the Council show to the German people distinctly that it exists anything like impartiality in favour of Germany.

Because I should like that your Lordship get this letter as early as possible, I send the map separately.

Yours very truly
signed: H. Röchling.

^a So die Vorlage.

^b Vorlage: doubtles

^c Vorlage: Thing

^d Vorstehender, Kursiv gedruckter Satz in der Vorlage unterstrichen.