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Fords, Howard & Hulbert
New-York.

Dear Sir's.

I read the book, 'A
Fools Errand', published by
your firm, with great interest
& am convinced, that a German
translation of it would be favo-
rably received here. You would
oblige me very much, if you ^{you} could pro-
cure me the authors permission
for the translation - if I am
not misinformed Judge A. W. Touger
- At the present state of inter-
national copyright I would not
be able to offer ^{to the author} any pecuniary
results out of the German edition,
~~to the author~~, as our publishing-

firms do not pay ^{well} for transla-
tions of American works very
well on account of the want
of any protection. I would not
however think of taking the
translation into hand without
authorization. I think the book
will sell here & it might be per-
haps worth your while to take
into consideration whether it would
not pay you to keep the German
edition in your hand. I could
arrange with a provincial "Com-
missionsbuchhandlung" to take
the sale here into their hands.
As to my capacity for the work
I beg to refer you to Prof. Proyer
from Cornell University, Ithaca
New York & President White, American
Minister Resident here in Berlin.
In the hope of a favourable answer
I am, dear Sir, with much esteem

Yours faithfully

Paul Dingling