Paul von Below-Schlatau, acting German Ambassador in von Münster’s absence, comments on the situation in Paris:

The revision of the Dreyfus case seems to be a decided fact, even though it may take some time because of the laborious legal procedures. As before, Germany can calmly await the future development of this unpleasant affair. To gloat is surely one of the ugliest expressions of human sentiment, but there are moments where it might be nearly forgivable. Such a moment has now come for us Germans. For four years now, since the first simple but clear declaration was made, that Captain Dreyfus had not been in any treacherous relationship with Germany, it has been repeatedly and more or less clearly stated here [in Paris] that one couldn’t believe such a declaration by a government which has its own interests and stake … And now it has gradually come to light, in a deeply humiliating manner for any righteous Frenchman that the German declaration stated the truth … The key to this as to most other incomprehensible characteristics of this highly gifted and at times seriously thinking nation is their excessive vanity, the incredible arrogance, which would never admit a mistake or bring itself to admitting unjustness.