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<sup>2</sup> The Hess Affair is mentioned here and in the following letter from Laurence Krieg (1941-05-20 M102 LMK to WLK). See note and photo at end of this document.

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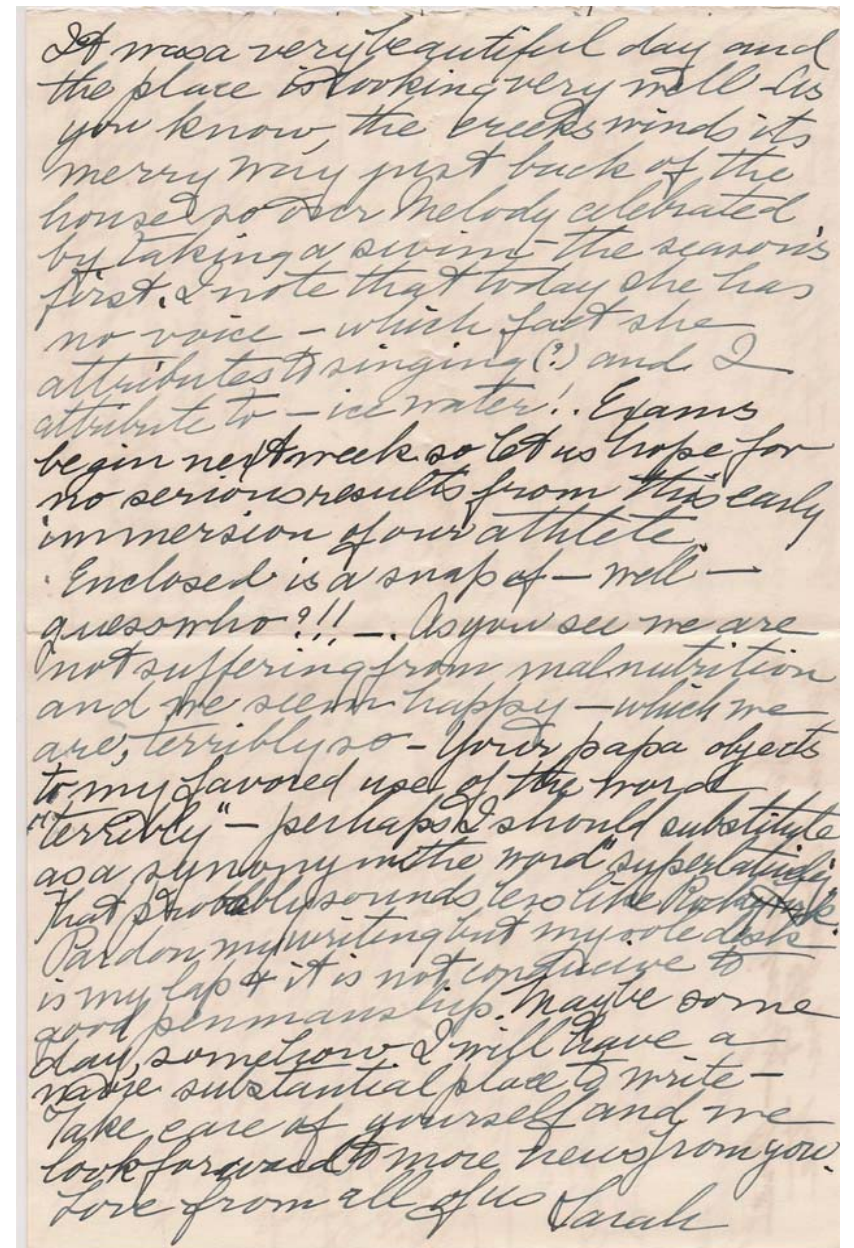
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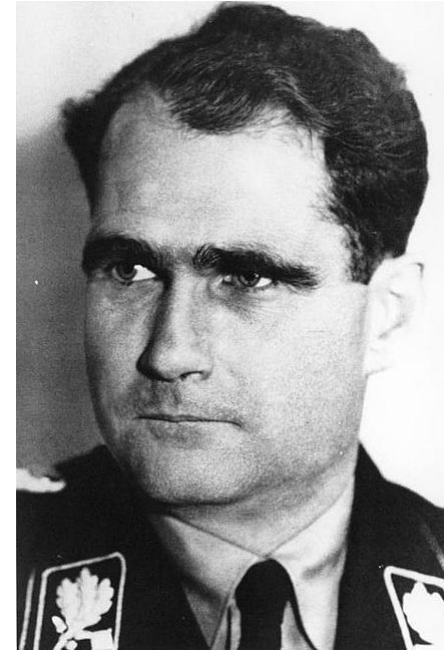
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**“Rudolf Walter Richard Heß**, also spelled **Hess** (26 April 1894 – 17 August 1987), was a prominent politician in Nazi Germany. Appointed Deputy Führer to Adolf Hitler in 1933, he served in this position until 1941, when he flew solo to Scotland in an attempt to negotiate peace with the United Kingdom during World War II. He was taken prisoner and eventually was convicted of crimes against peace, serving a life sentence.”

- From *Wikipedia*, “Rudolf Hess”  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf\\_Hess](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf_Hess) (accessed 2014-01-26)



Hess in 1933