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Are there not unnecessary activities both as regards routine work and news and information gathering ?

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This Legation knows of no such unnecessary activities. Its feeling is constantly that with increased appropriations and increased personnel it could cover broader fields in the direct interest of the American public than can now be covered. As a result of the decreased appropriations this year, its work has been reduced to the minimum of necessity. Even if its commissioned officers had time to investigate, study and follow up on their own initiative various developments, other than the most pressing ones, in the political and economic life of the country to which they are accredited, the single stenographer of the Legation could not possibly, with the best will and industry in the world, find time to prepare their reports for submission to Washington.

Mr. Rogers says: "I think we could make a better case for the Consular Service to the average layman, we will say, than we can for the Diplomatic side, because he will see that the Consular Service is the business end of the Service and there is a direct connection with the business welfare of the Nation .....". We have tried to point out that many of the duties directly connected with the business welfare of the Nation cannot be fulfilled by the Consular Service. Each of the two branches has its own specific functions and both are directly concerned with the business interests of the Nation. Neither branch can undertake the duties of the other; both must be kept in a high state of efficiency or the business interests of the American public

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will suffer. Other diplomatic services are working at steadily increased tension to supply their governments with economic data essential to the business interests of their respective countries, to give the diplomatic backing and representation necessary to their business firms, to assist their nationals in the legitimate pursuit of their business interests abroad. If our Diplomatic Service is behindhand - handicapped or crippled through inadequate appropriations - the others will win the race and we shall fail in the competition. The British, the Germans, the Japanese all know this and their diplomatic services are working at ever increased pressure. This Legation has not the slightest hesitation in answering emphatically in the negative the question at the head of this section.