GERMANY "STANDS PAT" ON SUBMARINE ORDER

ASSURANCES GIVEN U. S. ARE STILL BINDING

SO FAR AS THEY APPLY TO PEACEFUL MERCHANT.

RES AND LINES

German chiefs that British ships 

armed for Defense have 

been used for offense

Bernstein will deliver reply 

Orally to Secretary Lansing 

Today--Officials Retained

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. --Bernstein has 

developed an alternative to 

affirm the United states 

asserted that British 

submarines have been 

used for offense.

It was stated that 

the alleged 

reasons for 

raising the United 

states 

to 

submarine 

use were 

false.

J. O. B. S. Townsend, 

head of the department 

of foreign 

affairs, 

was 

presented 

with 

a 

letter 

from 

Bernstein 

noting 

the 

assertions 

of the 

United 

states 

regarding 

British 

submarine 

use.

The letter 

stated 

that 

British 

submarines 

had 

been 

used 

for 

defense.

Bernstein's 

rejection 

of the 

assertions 

of the 

United 

states 

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of 

the 

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the 

German 

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. --Mr. Burt, 

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