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Embassy Cont.

Despatch, number 21242, of November 7 has been forwarded to the Department today after conversations, by telephone and my November 6 letter to Armour, in regard to Argentina, containing Padilla's memorandum as a reply and which in nature, contains concrete procedural suggestions incited by secret telegram 1958 of November 2, 4 p.m., 1944 from the Department.

It is strongly recommended by me that pending receipt of the letter to Armour and the despatch and memorandum, final consideration of the Department’s attitude regarding Padilla’s memorandum and procedure be held in abeyance, for to comprehend Padilla’s reasoning behind the memorandum it is necessary to have the full text.

Preliminary substance of the memorandum is transmitted below, by request of the Department.

Padilla is convinced that for the purpose of discussing important postwar matters, which he sets forth in the memorandum, a Foreign Ministers' meeting must be held in the near future, although strong and controlling reasons are contained in his memorandum in support of his view that a meeting for discussion of the Argentine situation is impossible at this time.

Ten items, which are a summarization of a contemplated
steps of the Padilla memorandum are translated in the following paragraphs.

That a full consultation among all the American Republics, with the exception of Argentina, will result in a reply to the proposal of Argentina, toward which end steps should be taken with all the Foreign Ministers.

A foreign ministers' meeting shall not be called for the purpose of discussing the situation in Argentina.

The vital subjects, relative to economic solidarity, control of armaments, post war and others which shall be included on the agenda, for the Foreign Ministers' meeting.

In order to provide sufficient time for a definite plan to be made from the Dumbarton Oaks proposal, it is suggested the meeting be held on February 1, 1945. The date of February 1 was suggested by the fact that if the United Nations have not, by that date, reached an accord the Foreign Ministers' meeting will be imperative in any event.

The presentation of this initiative is agreeable to the Mexican Government.

In consultation with the other Republics' foreign ministries establish and completely verify the case against Argentina, before the meeting of foreign ministers is held.

That an agreement be reached by all the American Republics to make representations with a view to Argentine acceptance, forcing all obligations in their entirety, undertaken at Rio de Janeiro, with the idea of striking a balance evidencing cases of noncompliances; and also the importance of directing Argentine will into democratic channels which will echo the guarantees of the real popular sentiment of Argentina.
favoring inter-American unity and continental security.

If these steps prove successful, invite the Argentine to the February 1 meeting of foreign ministers.

There could be cited the precedent of the Bolivian case, where before elections of the present government took place diplomatic relations were established.

To seek as the only objectives; continental security; to maintain unity of American, which is the supreme ideal; and to acquire guarantees in this tragic wartime period in which we are passing.

I will seek an approved translation at the Foreign Office of paragraph seven and the full memorandum, in translation, will be sent tomorrow to the Department.

I hold the belief, as I told Armour this morning by phone, that Dr. Padilla's suggested procedure is adequate and satisfactory and would have the support of my government. When informed of our agreement, he is ready to proceed.

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