With the exception of Argentina, the Mexico City Chiefs of Mission of all the American republics received the memorandum (reference Embassy's November 8 3 pm telegram No. 1404) from Padilla, who informed me last evening of this action, and stated that the personal opinion was unanimously expressed that a meeting of Foreign Ministers for the purpose of holding conversations with respect to urgent questions was necessary, but that a meeting based on the initiative of Argentina was impossible. Although the attendance of Argentina would be highly desirable at such a conference as has been suggested by Padilla, until adequate and definite steps had been taken by Argentina, that country could not possibly be a participant in the conference—is the further opinion of the Mission Chiefs. Padilla stated that all the Chiefs of Mission had expressed their concurrence that his suggestion offered an approach looking toward an adequate solution and promised success; personal appreciation of his initiative was also expressed by all of them. That the meeting must be held without the Argentine, if by the time of such meeting the actions specified in Padilla's memorandum have not been fulfilled by Argentina—was another expression of mutual agreement by the Mission Chiefs.

With regard to the Padilla initiative and memorandum, I am of the impression that favorable recommendations to their respective governments will be made by the Chiefs of Mission in Mexico City, although my Brazilian colleague (who called to inform me that the memorandum had been transmitted to him) is my only American colleague with whom I have discussed this matter. He has informed his Government of his favorable reaction to this matter.

My recommendation is herein repeated that we endorse Padilla's memorandum and procedure, as it is my opinion that it will be viewed by all of the other republics as an eventual adequate solution of the problem, and as a procedure which will offer promise of success.

Mexico City newspapers have devoted much space to despatches from Washington news agencies with regard to the Argentine question and statements alleged to have been made by or attributed to the Department; but since my return to Mexico on the fifth of November I have received no information for my guidance from the Department respecting its present attitudes. I have informed Dr. Padilla that,
to date, no reaction from the United States Government has been received by this Embassy; and I have not expressed any opinion to him, in the name of our Government, with regard to his initiative.

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