Dear Dean:

I received in due course your letter of April 7 enclosing a copy of the March 1947 issue of the Policy Statement on Argentina which you state has been revised in the light of recent events and which you asked me to go over carefully and to transmit to the Department my frank comments and recommendations as was done in the case of the first issue. You state that it will be of interest to me to know that one of the most gratifying and productive features of this project has been the straightforward and vigorous comment from the field including that from this Embassy, on the policies set forth in these statements.

In spite of my many occupations I have gone into this matter very closely as well as my associates, and we are all very much preoccupied over this Policy and Information Statement of March 18 as we were with the one of August last year. As I believe that this initiative of the Department in getting out these Policy and Information Statements for various countries is a very important one and as it seemed desirable to make some general observations in this connection, I have put my general observations and the particular comments on the Policy and Information Statement on the Argentine in the form of a despatch of which a copy is transmitted with the original of this letter. The despatch has been forwarded in triplicate to the Department.

You will note from my despatch that I consider it very desirable to rewrite the Policy and Information Statement as a whole.

Enclosure.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

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