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The following memorandum was prepared for Colonel Wetherill of the Business Advisory Council of the Department of Commerce by Mr. William L. Jenkins who is on Colonel Wetherill's staff. The memorandum was prepared for the information of Colonel Wetherill at the time that the Department of Commerce was endeavoring to have the Business Advisory Council take collective action supporting the efforts of the Department of Commerce to do away with the fundamental considerations in the coordination agreement between State and Commerce. Efforts were being made by the Department of Commerce to have the Advisory Council propose that the activities of Commercial Attaches should in no way be controlled, directed or coordinated by the Department of State. At the same time the Department of Commerce was endeavoring to secure the Advisory Council's support for changes in the coordination agreement which would have widened the scope and activities of Commercial Attaches and greatly increased confusion in the field.

Colonel Wetherill has assumed, I understand, the  
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position taken by Mr. Jenkins in this memorandum  
which I think presents certain fundamental phases  
of the situation very soundly.

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