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Mexico, June 10, 1942.

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SUBJECT: Transmitting exchange of letters between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and myself on the occasion of Mexico's declaration of war.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department that on the occasion of the declaration of war by Mexico against the Axis powers I wrote a personal word to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Señor Padilla, dated June 5th, of which I transmit herewith a copy. I had been advised by the Department of the communications sent to the President and to the Foreign Minister by our Government, but I felt that in the circumstances a personal word from me to the Minister was desirable, in view of the leadership which he took in this important decision.

I also transmit herewith the text of the reply of Señor Padilla, dated June 9, 1942, together with a
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translation thereof.

Respectfully yours,

George S. Messersmith.

Enclosures:

1. Copy of the Ambassador's note to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, June 5, 1942.
2. Copy of the Minister's reply, 11423 of June 9.
3. Translation of above.

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In triplicate to the Department of State