

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, on the basis of informal conversations held last September between Colonel Arthur Woods, Special Commissioner for Narcotic Research of the Treasury Department of the United States, M. Bourgeois, of the Foreign Office, and M. Delange, Contrôleur Général des Services des Recherches Judiciaires of the Sûreté Générale, in which these officials indicated the willingness of the French Government to arrange for the direct exchange of information between the officers charged with the control of the traffic in narcotic drugs in the United States and France, I have been instructed by my Government to propose to Your Excellency's Government the following arrangement:

1—The direct exchange between the Treasury Department of the United States and the corresponding office in France of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.

2—The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

3—Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge on behalf of my Government of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Colonel L. G. Nutt, whose mail and telegraph address is: Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, District of Columbia.

In case this proposed arrangement should meet with the approval of Your Excellency's Government, I should be happy to be advised as to the name of the official with whom Colonel Nutt should communicate.