

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China, and has the honor to ask that approval be given by the Chinese Government to a proposal made by the Department of State under which the United States Commissioner of Narcotics, Mr. Harry J. Anslinger, might receive authority to correspond direct with the appropriate official in the Chinese Government on all matters relating to the smuggling of narcotic drugs between China and the United States. The Embassy understands that the Chinese Government official in question is Mr. T. H. Lew, Director of the Central Narcotics Commission.

According to the Department of State, the pertinent matters are the exchange of seizure reports and information regarding persons suspected of being engaged in the illicit traffic, including such information as photographs, criminal records, fingerprints, descriptions of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they are operating, and the names of their associates. It will be appreciated that unless the above-described information reaches its destination speedily, it is useless.

In presenting this request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy wishes to point out that the proposed informal agreement is in effect between the United States and twenty-one other countries.

NANKING, *March 12, 1947*

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the American Embassy and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's third person notes Nos.