NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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The American Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency, the Hellenic Minister for Foreign Affairs, and has the honor to inform him that, in an endeavor to bring about stricter control of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Treasury Department of the United States has requested that an effort be made to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain European countries. I am instructed, therefore, to endeavor to arrange with the Hellenic Government for (1) the direct exchange between the Treasury Department of the United States and the corresponding office in this country of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This information and evidence would include photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the partners with whom they have worked, 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 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 the Government of the United States, 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, D.C.

Mr. Skinner hopes to hear at an early date that the proposed arrangement meets with the approval of the Hellenic Government, and that he may be