

AIR TRANSIT

Exchange of notes at Guatemala April 23 and May 27, 1935
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Department of State files

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 24

GUATEMALA, April 23, 1935

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I now have my Government's views with respect to the opinion of the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics concerning the interpretation of Article IV of the Habana Convention² on Commercial Aviation, which was transcribed in Your Excellency's courteous note No. 1529 of February 19, 1935.

The opinion sets forth that:

" . . . in order to facilitate international air traffic of pleasure or touring aircraft over the territory of the Republic and in order that the Government of Guatemala may cooperate with that of the United States of America, it can be agreed to exempt said aircraft from soliciting the prior respective permission, but leaving continually in force the obligation to give notice with the anticipation necessary for the information of the appropriate authorities. Said notice must contain: the type of airship, its individual marks and identification, the name of the pilot, and the approximate date of its arrival. In order that the Government may receive the notice with the greatest promptness and to avoid consequent annoyances, it might be agreed that said notice would be sent directly to the Ministry under your charge" (the Ministry of Fomento).

The General Bureau states further that

" . . . the prior notice of the arrival of a pleasure or tourist aircraft in territory of the Republic does not imply a request for a permit. . . . The aircraft under obligation to give notice does not thereby contract the obliga-

¹ Date of termination, as to the United States, of convention signed at Havana Feb. 20, 1928 (TS 840, *ante*, vol. 2, p. 698).

² TS 840, *ante*, vol. 2, p. 698.