

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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*The American Minister to the Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have been instructed by my Government to invite the attention of the Austrian Government that in an endeavor to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Treasury Department of the United States has requested an effort be made to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain foreign countries.

To aid in the accomplishment of this purpose, it would be appreciated if arrangements could be made with the Austrian Government for:

1. The direct exchange between the United States Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Austria 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 movement of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. It will be readily realized that to have any value such information must reach its destination directly and speedily.

3. Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge, on behalf of the United States Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is the Commissioner of Narcotics, whose mail