

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to instructions from the Department of State, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that in an endeavor to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Treasury Department has requested that an effort be made to establish clear cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain foreign countries, and that I have been directed to endeavor to arrange with Your Excellency's Government for:

The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Poland 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, and partners they have worked with, etc.

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.

Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge, on behalf of this Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is the Commissioner of Narcotics, whose mail address is Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., and whose telegraph address is "Narcotics," Washington, D.C.