

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

*Exchange of notes at Bern November 15 and 16, 1929*  
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Department of State files

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Chief of the Federal  
Political Department*

BERNE, November 15, 1929

EXCELLENCY:

Referring to the Aide Memoire which the Minister left at the Political Department on December 24, 1927, I have the honor to inquire whether the Federal Council is disposed to accept the arrangement proposed by the Government of the United States of America concerning the direct exchange between American authorities and Swiss authorities of information and evidence regarding the illicit traffic in narcotics, namely,

1. The direct exchange between the American Treasury Department at Washington and the Federal Office of Public Hygiene at Berne of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic in narcotics (photographs, extracts of criminal records, finger prints, anthropometric records), as well as communication between the two offices of descriptions of methods employed by the persons in question, of the places from which they have operated, and, when available, the names of their accomplices.
2. The immediate and direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs or of those involved in smuggling such drugs, if such shipments might concern the other country.
3. The competent authorities of the two countries will mutually collaborate in investigations or examinations.

Correspondence and telegrams concerning these exchanges shall be addressed by the American Treasury Department to the Federal Office of Public Hygiene; the Federal Office of Public Hygiene for its part shall address itself for the same purposes to Colonel L. G. Nutt, an official of the Treasury Department, whose address is the following: "Deputy Commissioner, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C."