

COMMERCIAL AVIATION

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The Secretary of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

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MR. MINISTER:

With reference to our conversations concerning the regulation of commercial aviation in the Republic, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the National Government, recognizing the importance which the security of the Panama Canal has for the United States of America, agrees that three members of the Aviation Board shall always be appointed on designation by Your Excellency's Government.

The Government of Panama recognizes, as I have said, the special interest which Your Excellency's Government has in the protection of the Panama Canal and, in view of that, considers further that the regulations which we have recently discussed are acceptable and suitable at the same time to insure that protection in terms decorous for both countries, with the following modifications:

(a) The proposed Joint Commission shall be simply called *Aviation Board*; it will be presided over by the Secretary of Government and Justice and its members will be appointed by the President of the Republic, three of them on designation by Your Excellency's Government;

(b) The licenses to operate aircraft in the Republic and for the crews of the same, shall be issued by the Aviation Board;

(c) In the descriptive lists of passengers and crew shall be included not only Chinese, but also all individuals belonging to races whose immigration may be prohibited or restricted in accordance with the laws of the country;

(d) Aircraft arriving in the territory of the Republic, outside of the cities of Panama and Colon, their adjacent harbors and the flying fields based thereon, shall give reports of communicable diseases to the respective Panaman authorities and the latter shall communicate them to the health authorities of the Panama Canal;