

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to advise Your Excellency, under instructions from my Government, of the interest of its Treasury Department in bringing about a stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs through the establishment of closer cooperation between the administrative officials of the United States and those of Your Excellency's Government.

To achieve this end, my Government would be deeply appreciative of the cooperation of the Government of the Turkish Republic in arranging for 1) the direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding Turkish Ministry 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 movements of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern Turkey or the United States. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless. 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 Colonel L. G. Nutt, whose mail and telegraph address is Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Should the arrangements proposed above meet with the approval of Your