

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of State

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Treasury Department has requested that an effort be made to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain European countries. To this end, I am instructed to ascertain whether the following system would be agreeable to His Majesty's Government:

1. The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office in the foreign country 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, 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;
3. Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department of the United States who would be in charge, on behalf of my 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.

In case the proposed arrangement meets with the approval of His Majesty's Government, immediately communication may be established with Colonel