

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government being concerned to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, desires to effect a closer co-operation between the competent administrative officials of the United States and of Portugal.

I, therefore, have the honor to ask that Your Excellency may very kindly help in this by arranging that the appropriate office of the Portuguese Government may exchange directly with the Treasury Department of the United States information and evidence in respect of persons engaged in the illicit traffic of narcotics. This exchange would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger-prints, Bertillon measurements, description of methods which the persons in question had been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc., etc.

And also, for the direct and immediate forwarding by letter or cable of information as to suspected movement of narcotic drugs, or of those persons involved in smuggling such drugs where such movements might concern Portugal. And further, for mutual co-operation between Portuguese and American officials in detective and investigation work. Unless such information reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

In case Your Excellency may, as I hope, be disposed to lend your powerful aid to the furthering of such a direct exchange between the competent officials of our two Governments, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the official of the Treasury Department who would have charge for the American Government of this co-operation in the suppressing of the illicit