

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor, under instructions from my Government, to inquire whether Your Excellency's Government would desire to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and Mexico, with a view to bringing about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

I am instructed to suggest an arrangement providing for:

(1). The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Mexico 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 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 who would have charge, on behalf of my Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Mr. H. J. Anslinger, whose mail and telegraph address is Acting Commissioner of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

The proposed informal arrangement outlined above has been accepted by the Governments of seventeen countries.