

## TAKING OF TESTIMONY BY CONSULAR OFFICERS

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### NOTE VERBALE

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The Minister of the United States of America presents his compliments to His Excellency the President of the Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the Royal Ministry's note verbale P. No. 17.078 of August 18, 1938, has the honor to bring to the attention of the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Legation has now received from the Department of State at Washington a communication with regard to the matter of the taking of testimony by American consular officers in Yugoslavia, and by Yugoslav consular officials in the United States of America.

It will be recalled that the Royal Ministry suggested that this matter might be settled on a basis of reciprocity by an exchange of notes between this Legation and the Royal Ministry, to the effect that both the Government of the United States and the Government of Yugoslavia will permit consular officials of the other country to take the testimony of the persons concerned or of the witnesses, regardless of their nationality and without the necessity of making any special request to the authorities of the Government of the country in which such testimony is taken.

Mr. Lane has now been instructed by his Government to inform the Royal Yugoslav Government that the Government of the United States does not object to a foreign consular officer stationed in the United States taking the depositions of nationals of any country, provided they appear voluntarily before the consular officer, and, accordingly, Yugoslav consular officers in the United States of America would enjoy the faculty of taking evidence of persons residing in the United States of America, whatever the nationality