MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Montevideo, Uruguay

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EXCELLENCY:

Under instructions of my Government, I have the honor to request Your Excellency's consideration of the following matter:

At the present time, when planes belonging to the United States Army or Navy may have occasion to fly over or land in Uruguayan territory or territorial waters, it is necessary to obtain the advance permission of the Uruguayan Government for each such flight. As Your Excellency will readily understand, circumstances may arise in which it would be of vital importance that such flights be arranged and carried out with as little delay as possible. In such cases, the necessity of obtaining advance authorization might cause regrettable delay. In order to guard against such a contingency, my Government has instructed me to inquire if Your Excellency's Government would be disposed to grant a general permission authorizing planes belonging to the United States Army or Navy to fly over and land in Uruguayan territory and territorial waters without the necessity of obtaining advance permission in each individual case. In the event that the Uruguayan Government should grant such general permission, it would be understood that authorization for individual flights would not be requested in advance. However, my Government, would, of course, furnish the Uruguayan Government advance information regarding projected flights at the earliest possible moment.

¹ Not printed.