

memorandum. If and when the U.S. Embassy approaches us again, we plan to say that Mr. Pearson did not have an opportunity to consult his colleagues before he left and that, as he will be away for some time and the matter does not appear urgent, we do not think a decision could be reached for the present. We will also suggest that, if the State Department is still thinking of approaching you some time, it would seem preferable to confine discussion to Washington in order to avoid the misunderstandings and confusion that might arise from dealing with the matter through two channels. Ends.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*
*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Ambassador in United States*

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SUGGESTED PRESENCE OF CANADIAN OBSERVERS AT THE NEXT
INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES

Reference: Our telegram No. X-2025 of Oct. 18.[†]

We thought you might be interested to learn that Mr. Morgan, Counsellor of the United States Embassy in Ottawa, called on Mr. Stark last week to enquire whether any decision had been reached on this question. Mr. Stark spoke to him along the lines mentioned in paragraph 6 of our telegram to you, returned the copy of the State Department memorandum which Mr. Morgan had originally given him and stressed the fact that, in order to avoid any confusion, it seemed preferable to confine discussion to Washington.

2. You will recall from paragraph 5 of our despatch no. X-4516⁸ of September 13 that we had asked Mr. Morgan if his Ambassador or he were of the opinion that our entry into the O.A.S. would have any effect upon the friendly relations now existing between the United States and Canada. You may be interested to know that in Mr. Morgan's informal talk with Mr. Stark he mentioned he had discussed this point with Mr. Woodward and that his Ambassador did not foresee that any question of substance could arise in the O.A.S. on which Canada might take such a strong position in favour of a Latin-American country that U.S.-Canadian relations would be prejudiced.

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⁸La dépêche n° X-4516 devrait porter le n° X-1456.
Despatch No. X-4516 should be X-1456.