

been tentatively arranged, pending Cabinet approval of his appointment, that he should sail from San Francisco on April 29.⁶

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
 pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
 to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LATIN-AMERICAN COUNTRIES

You will recall that during the course of the visit of the Colombian Foreign Minister to Ottawa last July, Dr. Zuleta brought up the question of an exchange of diplomatic missions between Canada and Colombia. You then asked that a general review be made of our commitments to open new posts in Latin America, in order to ascertain how Dr. Zuleta's request fitted in.

2. Of those Latin-American countries with which we have not as yet exchanged missions, there remain only three to which I think we need give serious consideration: Uruguay, Colombia, and Venezuela. With Uruguay and Colombia we have already made definite commitments, whereas with Venezuela the question has been discussed without any firm promise being made on our part. The position with regard to these three countries is briefly as follows:—

I. Uruguay

3. The establishment of diplomatic relations with Uruguay was approved in 1944 by the then Prime Minister after receiving an official request from the Uruguayan Government. That government was informed that "we would be glad to receive a mission from the Government of Uruguay on the understanding that we should reciprocate when circumstances permit." In April 1947 the Uruguayan government again raised the question and upon receiving an answer in similar terms proceeded with the appointment of a Minister, Dr. Cesar Montero, who presented his credentials in March 1948.

4. The case for early reciprocation can be set forth as follows:

(a) It is now nearly two years since the Uruguayan Minister arrived in Ottawa and any further delay in reciprocation is likely to cause offence. Furthermore, it will be difficult to explain to the Uruguayan authorities our inability to reciprocate

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