

throwing lawfully established governments is that recognition of such governments constitutes a direct intervention in the internal affairs of the State.

In the course of the conversation the Minister referred to the recent assumption of power by the Armed Forces in Peru and the military plot which was discovered earlier this month to overthrow the President of Chile. Although the Minister did not say so, the Chilean Government have reason to believe that this plot and the revolution in Peru last month received some assistance from the Argentine, and the fact that the recent revolution in Venezuela followed a similar pattern tends to give the impression that these uprisings are not unrelated. As a democratic country and as a neighbour of the Argentine, Uruguay's purpose in expressing the views contained in this memorandum is quite apparent.

In accepting the Minister's note, I promised him that I would refer it to you. After we have had an opportunity of studying it, a suggested reply will be submitted to you for your consideration.⁶

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*Memorandum from Head, American and Far Eastern Division,
to Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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On November 27 you authorized a telegram to our Acting Consul General in Caracas instructing him to abstain for the present from taking any action which might be considered to constitute recognition of the Military Junta as the Government of Venezuela.

2. Although this Military Junta, on the surface at least, appears to maintain substantial control over the country, only seven countries — Argentina, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom — have accorded it recognition.

3. At first the United States was inclined to extend early recognition, in accordance with Resolution 35 of the Bogota Conference, which declares that continuity of diplomatic relations among the American states is desirable and that the establishment or maintenance of diplomatic relations with a government does not imply any judgment upon the domestic policy of that government. It now appears that the

⁶ Voir le document suivant./See the immediately following document.