

Mr. Strong has suggested that our extension of recognition be communicated to the Peruvian Government by a personal visit to the Foreign Minister, leaving with him a note merely reiterating general sentiments of existing friendship between Canada and Peru, but without specific reference to the note addressed by the Foreign Minister to Mr. Strong informing him of the change in government, thus implying that no interruption in relations ever took place.

This Division would have no objection to Mr. Strong's proposal and Legal Division also concur.

I attach for your consideration a telegram of instruction to Mr. Strong.^{†5} I also attach a suggested reply to Mr. Elliott.[†]

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

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

[Ottawa], November 29, 1948

This afternoon, the Uruguayan Minister, Dr. Cesar Montero de Bustamante, called on me on instructions from his Government to leave the attached note and memorandum.[†] The Minister stated that he thought this memorandum was also being presented to the Foreign Offices of the countries of this Hemisphere with which Uruguay has diplomatic relations.

Briefly, the memorandum expresses Uruguay's concern for the consequences implied in the recognition of military governments which have achieved power by overthrowing lawfully constituted governments, and cites the recent example of Venezuela. It concludes by recommending against recognition of the present government of Venezuela and in favour of joint action being taken to study the problem.

Dr. Bustamante told me that although his government realized that Canada was not a member of the Pan American Union, it nevertheless wished us to be aware of Uruguay's views in this matter since it has always considered Canada as a member of the "American family". He went on to explain that Uruguay's traditional view with regard to recognition of governments which had come into power after over-

⁵ Le 25 novembre, Strong fut autorisé à transmettre la décision canadienne de reconnaître la junte militaire ainsi qu'il l'avait proposé.

On November 25, Strong was authorized to convey Canada's decision to recognize the military junta as he had proposed.