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*Memorandum from American and Far Eastern Division
to Head, American and Far Eastern Division*

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BOGOTA CONFERENCE, MARCH 30TH, 1948

I should like to conclude this series of memoranda† by presenting a brief outline of some of the possible implications for Canada with regard to the forthcoming Bogota Conference. At this time, this memorandum is perforce tentative. A more objective study will be made after the results of the conference are known.

As you know, Canada is not likely to receive an invitation to attend the conference, it now being well known in the United States and throughout Latin America that we are not seeking to be present in any capacity.

However, the question of Canadian participation in the Pan American Union will surely be discussed at Bogota (as it was at Chapultepec and Rio); consequently, it might be wise if Cabinet reviewed — sometime before the conference — the memorandum (October 14th, 1947) which we submitted to that effect so that a final decision may be taken.

It might also be wise if our Trade Commissioner in Bogota were briefed on Canada's general Inter-American policy in order to prevent his making any *faux pas*. If you agree, I could prepare material for him on the subject.

Since Canada will not attend the conference her interest is somewhat indirect. However, several of the items on the agenda do concern us more directly, at the present time. These are:

- (1) The outcome of the proposed strengthening of the Inter-American system;
- (2) The means projected to alleviate current Inter-American economic problems; and
- (3) The integration of specialized agencies and technical bodies within the structure of the "new" Pan American Union.