

3. Previously in October 1944 we had requested the United Kingdom Ambassador to Uruguay to make a similar statement to the Uruguayan Government.

4. It seems to me that in view of the commitments we have given to the Uruguayan Government in the past, we must now allow them to establish a mission in Canada. Once a Uruguayan mission is established here I presume that we will be bound to reciprocate before opening any other mission in South America. As it is more important for us to exchange missions with Colombia and Venezuela than with Uruguay we should, I think, endeavour to establish missions in all three countries at the same time and, if they wish it, allow Colombia and Venezuela to establish missions here before we are ready to reciprocate.

5. Senor Bustamante is a career diplomat. He has served in the Uruguayan Foreign Service since 1910 and held posts in the United States, United Kingdom and France. There seems to be no objection to his appointment.

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures*
*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Ottawa, September 9, 1947

RE URUGUAY AND COLOMBIA

Confirming our conversation, I suggest that we begin to plan for the opening of a Legation in Uruguay in 1948. If the Uruguayans agree, and if this is not objectionable on other grounds, we could put our new mission in charge of our Ambassador to the Argentine, with a Chargé d'Affaires in Montevideo. I do not think that we could open other Latin American missions without reciprocating in some form with Uruguay, but this does not need to be done during the present year.

I think also that we should establish, in 1948, an Embassy in Colombia or Venezuela. As you know, we had hoped to have one Ambassador for both countries, but that is now impossible and, even if it were possible, it might be undesirable. We could, therefore, choose between the above two countries. I had thought, myself, that Colombia would have the prior claim, but I understand that this matter is being given further consideration. I would be glad if you would look after this matter also, in consultation with the Divisions concerned.

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