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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au ministre aux États-Unis*  
*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Minister in United States*

DESPATCH 920

Ottawa, July 30, 1942

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 848 of April 3, 1941,<sup>32</sup> in which you report that the Peruvian Ambassador had expressed to you the strong desire of his Government to exchange diplomatic representatives with Canada.

Since the receipt of your despatch the Canadian Government has given a good deal of consideration to the question of the establishment of direct diplomatic relations with Peru but unfortunately the Government found it difficult to arrive at a final decision.

Recently the question was raised afresh by a letter of July 6, 1942,<sup>†</sup> to the Minister of Trade and Commerce from Dr. Francisco Tudela y Varela, Chairman of the Foreign Political-Economic Commission of Peru. I enclose a copy of this letter. I also enclose a copy of the reply of July 25 from the Minister of Trade and Commerce to Dr. Tudela.<sup>†</sup> Paragraphs two and three of this letter were drafted in this Department.<sup>33</sup>

For your own information I may say that one reason we have told Peru that we regret our inability to establish immediately direct diplomatic relations is that we feel we cannot make any formal commitments to Peru until we have made a decision on the exchange of diplomatic representatives with Mexico nor can we very well take action with respect to any additional Latin American country until we get the legations at Moscow and Chungking established.

I think it might be advisable if the next time you are speaking to the Peruvian Ambassador you would discuss with him the exchange of diplomatic representatives between Canada and Peru along the lines of the letter of July 25 from the Minister of Trade and Commerce to Dr. Tudela.

I have etc.

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for the Secretary of State  
for External Affairs

<sup>32</sup>Voir le volume 7, document 128.

<sup>33</sup>Voir le document 54.

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