

Foreign Minister of Nicaragua or through the United Kingdom Minister in Managua.

The Legal Division has been consulted in the matter and concurs with the above recommendation.<sup>3</sup>

4<sup>e</sup> PARTIE/PART 4

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*Note du chef de la Direction de l'Amérique et l'Extrême-Orient  
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures*

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

[Ottawa], November 25, 1948

RECOGNITION OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF PERU

You will recall that the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs asked us to arrange for Canadian recognition of the present government of Peru at about the same time as the United Kingdom and the United States extended recognition. The United States did so on November 20th and the United Kingdom, yesterday. Other countries which have recognized this government are: The Holy See, Italy, China, Nicaragua, Sweden, Mexico, Spain, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Paraguay, Haiti, Panama, Switzerland, France, Belgium and Ecuador.

You will also recall that our Ambassador in Santiago informed us of the Chilean Foreign Minister's request to him that we delay our extension of recognition of the present government of Peru until after Chile has done so. Briefly, it appears that Chile has certain reasons for withholding recognition but does not wish to be the last nation to act and so place herself in an embarrassing position vis-à-vis the new Peruvian Government. A copy of Mr. [C.F.] Elliott's telegram is attached.†

While the Chilean Foreign Minister's reasons may have some merit from Chilean point of view, it is felt that we should not delay our granting recognition any longer since we have our own interests in Peru to consider. Accordingly it is suggested that we proceed in accordance with our original intention. If you agree, a telegram could be sent to Mr. Elliott informing him of our decision and suggesting that he merely tell the Chilean Foreign Minister that Mr. [J.A.] Strong<sup>4</sup> has already received his instructions and that we regret it was not possible to alter them.

<sup>3</sup> Note marginale :/Marginal note:  
I concur. E[scott] R[eid] Nov. 10/48

<sup>4</sup> Ambassadeur en Pérou/Ambassador in Peru.