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*L'ambassadeur au Brésil
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Ambassador in Brazil
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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MINISTER'S CALL ON BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

The Minister has seen and approved following resumé of his conversation with Foreign Minister Negrao de Lima Tuesday morning, November 18. The Minister was accompanied by Messrs. Irwin, Cadieux, Couillard and Hardy while Brazilian Foreign Minister was attended by Mr. Mendes Vigna, Secretary General, Mr. Araujo Castro, Head of Political Department, Mr. Mello Franco, ex-Ambassador to Canada, and others.

After a preliminary exchange of compliments the following subjects were brought up:

(a) *Cultural Relations.*

Mr. Smith said that as a university man, he had a deep interest in cultural aspects of relations between our two countries. In this context, he was very happy to convey to Brazilian Foreign Minister an invitation from Mr. Alan Jarvis to arrange an exhibit of Brazilian art at new National Gallery and Canadian Galleries in 1960. The Brazilian Foreign Minister indicated that Brazil would accept invitation subject to details being worked out through our Embassy in Rio.

Mr. Smith also expressed an interest in a great exchange of scholarships between the two countries but Brazilian Minister did not comment.

(b) *UN.*

Both ministers agreed happy and close relations existed between our two UN Delegations. As middle powers without ambitions to expand Canada and Brazil had found a community of ideals in UN and our two delegations had found it easy to come to a meeting of minds on most problems.

Mr. Smith then said he would like to offer some frank thoughts on a matter affecting middle powers such as Canada and Brazil e.g. the question of middle powers' relations with USA. He referred to his words in Seattle² that no nation was better qualified than Canada to speak of the USA, in regard to which Canada held no repeat no fear, no repeat no suspicion, no repeat no jealousy. No repeat no nation could ask for a better neighbour. This did not mean that we were not occasionally worried by USA moves, as other (middle powers?) such as Brazil probably were. It was possible to distinguish between local and global issues. For instance the Canadian Government did not feel committed to support USA whenever it chose to become involved in local and global issues such as Chinese

² Pour des extraits du discours prononcé par Smith à la réunion du Comité consultatif du plan de Colombo en 1958 à Seattle, voir Canada ministère des Affaires extérieures, *Affaires Extérieures*, vol. 11, nos. 1-2, janvier-février 1959, pp. 20 à 23.

For excerpts from Smith's speeches at the 1958 Colombo Plan Consultative Committee meeting in Seattle, see Canada, Department of External Affairs, *External Affairs*, Vol. 11, Nos. 1-2, January-February 1959, pp. 20-23.