

was delivered in the ordinary mails to Mr. Kobbe.

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(2) Paragraph 3, last sentence. Delete “removing this man’s diplomatic immunity and” and substitute “Spanish Foreign Service” for “Spanish Diplomatic Service”, so that the sentence reads:

“ . . . since they would be fully justified in prosecuting him in the courts on charges of espionage which would have done the gravest harm to the international reputation of the Spanish Foreign Service and to that of the Spanish Government as a whole.”

The Canadian government does not recognize that foreign Consuls have diplomatic immunity. We simply grant them certain privileges as a matter of grace.

(3) Paragraph 4, first sentence. Delete “the circumstances of” so that the sentence reads: “ . . . searching investigation into this case . . . ”

(4) Paragraph 4, last sentence. Delete “whose correspondence has not so far passed through the censorship controls of the United Nations”, so that the paragraph ends with the words “Spanish representatives abroad”. This deletion is suggested for the reason given in (1) above.

(5) Paragraph 5. Delete last two sentences, from “As regards the investigation . . . ” to the end of the paragraph, and substitute:

“As regards the investigation to be conducted by the Spanish Government, His Majesty’s Governments in the United Kingdom and in Canada hope that they will be prompt and exhaustive. They confidently expect an immediate assurance that all the correspondence contained in Spanish diplomatic bags will relate only to the official business of the Spanish Government and matters with which it is properly concerned as Protecting Power. His Majesty’s Governments will also be informed of the results of the enquiry into the de Kobbe case and of the action taken against this person.”

It would be appreciated if we could be informed at once of the Spanish Government’s reply to these representations and of Sir Samuel Hoare’s comments thereon.

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