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IMPORTANT

My immediately preceding telegram.

Following is text referred to in my immediately preceding telegram.

[Begins]. Mr. Moose requested His Majesty's permission to discuss certain matters which he wished to submit to His Majesty. He began by referring to United States Government's proposal that an educational mission composed of five students should be sent to the American university in Beirut at the beginning of the coming scholastic year at the expense of the United States Government. The students would remain for a period of two years to take a course of university studies. His Majesty thanked the United States Government for their decision in this matter.

2. Mr. Moose next read out to His Majesty a memorandum which he had received from his Government containing an exposition of United States Government's oil policy as regards world oil which had been formulated on the occasion of the current talks in London on the subject of oil. The text of this memorandum is as follows:

Memorandum.

The United States Government will strive to ensure that those Governments which obtained concessions shall derive reasonable profits from oil wells operated by American concessionaires. Exploratory talks are at present taking place with the British Government on the technical side, and the latter wish to come to an understanding as regards principles of the whole question before entering into discussions between ministers of the two countries concerned.

3. The reasons why the present discussions are restricted to these two countries only are

- (1) because of the existence of vital and urgent questions which directly affect the interests of these two countries only and
- (2) because of the necessity for reaching an agreement regarding mutual interests of the concessionaires of the two parties concerned.

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