

in Canada even if we see no hope of establishing a Canadian Mission in Uruguay for at least a year. I am attaching a copy of the memorandum hereto.

Mr. Chipman has sent a further communication, telegram No. 77 of May 24, attached,<sup>†</sup> stating that he has been approached once more by the Uruguayan Ambassador on this matter.

If we agree to accept a Uruguayan Diplomatic Mission here in Ottawa, I think we must be prepared to accept missions from Colombia and Venezuela with the ultimate obligation of establishing Canadian Missions in those countries. While I am reluctant to extend our commitments for opening new missions because of our lack of suitable personnel to staff such missions, I do not see how we can go back on our commitment of October, 1944, when the British Ambassador at Montevideo told the Uruguayan Foreign Minister on our behalf that the Canadian Government would be glad to receive a Minister from Uruguay on the understanding that we should reciprocate when circumstances permitted.

I would recommend, therefore, that we ask Mr. Chipman to inform the Uruguayan Minister that we would welcome the establishment of a Uruguayan Diplomatic Mission in Canada on the understanding that we will establish a Canadian Mission in Uruguay as soon as conveniently possible but that we can give no assurances at this time with regard to the date for establishment of the mission.<sup>9</sup>

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Ottawa, July 31, 1947

I think the time has come now when we should consider making plans to open missions in Colombia and Venezuela in 1948.

2. These two countries are more important to us than Peru or Chile. Our trade with them (18 millions with Colombia and 37 millions with Venezuela) is developing and was exceeded in 1946 by countries in this area only in the case of Brazil (38 millions), Argentina (28 millions) and Mexico (25 millions).

Your colleague, Mr. MacKinnon, feels that there are great possibilities for further expansion, particularly in the case of Colombia.

Mr. Stewart,<sup>10</sup> the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Bogota from 1943 until recently, has on more than one occasion observed that Colombia is worthy of real

<sup>9</sup>Note marginale:/Marginal note:

Mr. Pearson is aware of the views expressed by the P[rime] M[inister] to him and to me on June 2nd and which are in accord with above recommendation. St. L[aurant]

<sup>10</sup>W.T. Stewart.