

4. In addition to the negotiation of a *modus vivendi* with each country, it is important that the delegation should endeavour to prepare the way for the future conclusion of a more formal and extensive trade agreement similar to that which is in force with Mexico. A copy of the Mexican agreement,⁶ with name of country left in blank, is attached as Appendix 3.†

5. The delegation should leave about the end of September 1950; in addition to the necessary stay in the five countries mentioned above, the delegation should have discretion to make brief courtesy calls in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua, with all of which countries Canada now has most favoured-nation agreements.

6. I therefore recommend that

- (a) a delegation be authorized to undertake these duties;
- (b) the delegation be given powers to negotiate *modi vivendi* embodying reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment to run for one year (or longer until terminated) with each of the countries mentioned;
- (c) the leader of the delegation be given full powers to sign each *modus vivendi*, provided that the terms are not less favourable to Canada than those indicated in the attached drafts; any substantial changes would be subject to prior approval by the Government of Canada;
- (d) the delegation consist of
 - Mr. H. Leslie Brown, Dept. of Trade and Commerce (leader of delegation)
 - Mr. H.R. Kemp, Dept. of Trade and Commerce
 - Mr. A. Savard, Dept. of Trade and Commerce
 - Dr. C.A. Annis, Dept. of Finance.⁷

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⁶ Voir Canada, *Recueil des traités*, 1946, N^o. 4.; See Canada, *Treaty Series*, 1946, No. 4.

⁷ La composition de la délégation et son mandat ont été approuvés par le décret du Conseil privé N^o 4635, du 25 septembre 1950. Une description de la délégation figure dans :/The composition of the delegation and its terms of reference were approved by Order-in-Council P.C. 4635, September 25, 1950. A description of the delegation appears in:/Canada, Department of Trade and Commerce, *Foreign Trade*, Volume VIII, No. 196, September 30, 1950, p. 548.