

Ambassador at this time and hoped that nobody else would. At the same time we were just as anxious as the United States could be that Argentina should not make any political capital out of the agreed exchange of Embassies.

During my conversation with the Ambassador I spoke on the telephone with Hickerson, who is temporarily in charge of the Political Division of the State Department and told him that we proposed to handle the press announcement here as a purely routine matter and would endeavour to give the press the proper background at a preliminary press conference.

I have also spoken this morning to the Argentine Minister and asked him to request his Government to avoid any note of emphasis or congratulation in their announcement of the change of status of the missions. Vivot promised to transmit this request at once to his Government adding his own urgent recommendation that it be met. In the circumstances, you should not give any statement to the press commenting on the establishment of the Embassy and should remind the Argentine Government of our earnest hope that they will not exploit the announcement for any political purpose whatsoever.

## SECTION B

### BELGIQUE ET LUXEMBOURG BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG

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*Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au Premier ministre*

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

Ottawa, April 22, 1944

Mr. Dupong, the Prime Minister of Luxemburg called at the Department this morning to say goodbye and to repeat his Government's very warm appreciation of the hospitality the Grand Duchess and her Ministers had received in Canada.

He referred to our earlier conversation about the possibility of our exchanging diplomatic representatives. Under an arrangement of long standing, Luxemburg interests abroad were entrusted to the Netherlands Diplomatic Service, except in a limited number of posts, where there was direct Luxemburg representation. His Government had diplomatic representatives to the United Kingdom, Holland, Belgium, France and in the United States, and they had hoped that we would agree to have the Luxemburg Minister in Washington also accredited in Ottawa, and that our representative to the Allied Governments in London could also be accredited to the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg.

I told him why we had always refused to receive diplomatic representatives who were also accredited to the United States, and that an exception conceded