

The Brazilian Minister of External Relations
to the Canadian Ambassador

PALACIO DO ITAMARATY

RIO DE JANEIRO, the 24th May, 1944.

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MONSIEUR L'AMBAassadeUR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the note No. 25 of today's date by which your Excellency, referring to the agreement in principle reached in our conversation, in accordance with the instructions presents the point of view of your Government with relation to the establishment of permanent and regular cultural relations between Brazil and Canada.

2. Your Excellency indicates that the Canadian Government is of the opinion that in the relations between our two peoples there should be taken into consideration a greater mutual knowledge and wider comprehension of their cultures, traditions, and institutions and that it welcomes efforts which would:

- (1) encourage the exchange of official, scientific and technical publications as well as reviews, books, newspaper articles, etc.; and
- (2) encourage the organization and presentation of artistic expositions, concerts, lectures, radio programmes, films, as well as all other means of rapprochement of the same nature.

3. Your Excellency concludes by assuring me that it is the intention of the Canadian Government to encourage within the limits of its constitutional powers and within the means at its disposal, intellectual and cultural activities which can contribute to a better reciprocal acquaintance.

4. Entirely in agreement with the idea of the Canadian Government, as already demonstrated by Your Excellency on different occasions, the Brazilian Government has equally the intention of encouraging this work of intellectual interchange, which seems to it of the greatest benefit for the relations between our two countries.

I seize this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

OSWALDO ARANHA