

sibilities. We have not, however, been able to find a suitably qualified person outside the service who would be willing or able to accept the appointment at short notice.

2. It has therefore occurred to me that you may wish to consider appointing Mr. Scott Macdonald, our present High Commissioner in Newfoundland, as Ambassador to Brazil. Mr. Macdonald has done an excellent job in Newfoundland and deserves promotion. He has been immersed in Newfoundland affairs for some time now and it would be good for him to have a complete change of scene and work.

3. His absence from Newfoundland in the period immediately preceding the plebiscite would have certain advantages since it would help to demonstrate our good faith in saying that we have no desire to interfere in the choice which the people of Newfoundland must make.

6. Mr. Macdonald, I think, would make a first-class Ambassador to Brazil. French is still, I understand, the second language of Brazil and Mr. Macdonald served at our Legation in Paris before the war and speaks French fluently. He and his wife would also be good at doing the entertaining which is so necessary in Brazil. He would also be a good reporter and that would be useful since the Brazilian Foreign office is very well informed and Brazil is much the most important country in Latin America.¹

7. I enclose a short biographical note on Mr. Macdonald.†

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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*

SECRET

Ottawa, May 4, 1948

RE RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA

The question has arisen whether any action should be taken to recognize the present Government of Nicaragua. Briefly the facts are as follows:

(a) Dr. Leonardo Arguello was elected President of Nicaragua on April 30, 1947, in succession to General Samoza who had been President for many years. Less than one month later General Samoza, in a military coup, overthrew his suc-

¹ Note marginale :/Marginal note:

This seems to be a very good arrangement. I am wholly in accord. W.L.M. K[ing] 24-4-48