

e) that our economic, cultural and other mutual relations with the various Latin American republics had always been very good and that we expected they would improve constantly.

4. The reasons above are those put forward towards joining the OAS as a full-fledged *member* while the present query is whether we would attend as *observers* only — in this instance, but with the hope that this action might lead to membership later. This creates a new situation and one which should be assessed with considerable care. It is not impossible that the State Department is beginning to feel that the United States is getting into a position of being one against twenty and that the U.S. Government may even attempt to press us to join the OAS in order to counteract the growing anti-United States propaganda throughout Latin America.

5. Mr. Morgan was asked if the U.S. Ambassador in Canada or he were of the opinion that our entry into the OAS would, in their view, tend to have good or detrimental effects upon the direct friendly relations now existing between the U.S. and Canada. He appeared quite surprised at this approach, considered it a most interesting point and said he would talk further with Mr. Woodward on this subject. He was also told that we felt our participation in the United Nations, NATO and Commonwealth organizations were about all we could handle at the present time, and that even if we viewed this approach with favour we would find it extremely difficult to provide sufficient personnel to enter properly into the various bodies of the Organization of American States. This point, however, would not preclude our going to the 1953 Conference as an observer.

6. We would be most interested to learn from you whether you have recently been approached on this subject, and to have your views of the opinions expressed in the attached memorandum.

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POSSIBLE INVITATION TO CANADA TO ACCEPT
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As you requested, this memorandum, in which BNA (British Commonwealth and North European Division) has concurred, has been prepared for your background in connection with the discussion you indicated you would