14. DEA/261-40

Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures

Secretary of State for External Affairs to Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM H-366

San Francisco, June 26, 1945

SECRET AND PERSONAL. Following for Read from Robertson, Begins: Your telegram D-353 of June 18th.† Prime Minister has approved of Chipman's appointment as Ambassador Argentina. Chipman, who is returning tonight by plane with the Prime Minister, is anxious that no steps should be taken in connection with his nomination until he has had an opportunity to say his farewells to the Chileans, who have been very kind to him. I see no objection to our informing the Argentine Government that we agree in principle to exchange of Embassies and to receive an Ambassador from them. You might let them know that we hope shortly to designate a new representative in Buenos Aires who will be given the rank of Ambassador. In circumstances, I think change of status of Mission should be effective [effected?] with a minimum of fanfare. Ends.

15. DEA/50060-40

Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au chargé d'affaires en Argentine Secretary of State for External Affairs to Chargé d'Affaires in Argentina

TELEGRAM 46

Ottawa, August 1, 1945

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Following for Kirkwood from Robertson repeat Chile and to Washington, Begins: The United States Ambassador told me this morning that his Government were afraid that announcement of raising of Canadian mission to status of Embassy might be seized on, (a) by Peron and the Argentine press as an indication that Canada took a more sympathetic view of the policies and behaviour of the Argentine Government than did the United States and (b) by the American Liberal Press, which was becoming increasingly critical of the policy of maintaining normal relations with Argentina. In particular the State Department were disturbed by the Argentine press campaign against the American Ambassador and they hoped the announcement of the appointment of a new Canadian Ambassador would not be used in Argentina to make Mr. Braden's position more difficult.

I told the Ambassador that the appointment of a new head of the Canadian mission in Argentina was an inevitable and more or less routine consequence of admission of Argentina to the United Nations and of the return of the American and United Kingdom Ambassadors to their posts in Buenos Aires. We did not attach political significance to the appointment of a new