

do not feel we should raise any objection towards itinerary (b) as long as Argentina is not excluded.²

2) Would you wish us to take up with the Department of Trade and Commerce the desirability of attaching one of our officers to the Mission?³

3) Do you agree that we should attempt to open our Missions in Uruguay, Venezuela and Colombia in advance of the tour?⁴

[L.D.] W[ILGREGG]

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au sous-ministre du Commerce*

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Deputy Minister, Department of Trade and Commerce*

CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, June 30, 1952

Dear Mr. Bull,

We have been most interested in this Department to learn of the projected visit of your Minister to Latin America this coming January. As you know, we believe that a Canadian good-will mission at this time would help considerably in bettering our relations with the Latin American republics. We are particularly pleased that Mr. Howe is agreeable to heading the Delegation and that you will be going with him. We shall be most interested to learn later on as to which Canadian businessmen will be joining the group.

We feel too, that the political implications of this mission may be most worthwhile and, for that reason, we would like to propose that one of our External Affairs officers be invited to join the group. I understand that Mr. Pearson has already mentioned this point to Mr. Howe and that your Minister agreed.

You will doubtless be letting me know as soon as possible when the proposed dates and suggested itinerary are more settled. On our side, we shall be most pleased to cooperate in any way towards making this mission the success it should be.

Yours sincerely,

L.D. WILGREGG

²Note marginale :/Marginal note:
OK.

³Note marginale :/Marginal note:
Yes, I have already mentioned this to Mr. Howe who agrees.

⁴Note marginale :/Marginal note:
Not sure of this, but on the whole I think it would be desirable.
I have talked to Mr. Howe about this mission urging him strongly to do it — and in the most impressive way possible. RCAF plane, showing the flag, etc. etc.
L.B. P[earson]