

would be that the association of Canada with the Organization of American States would give rise to some unfavourable comment and this would not be compensated for by much favourable comment.

3. Given this situation something can be said for our policy in lying low and doing nothing to encourage an invitation for Canada to join the Organization of American States or even to be associated through the sending of an observer to the next conference.

4. I must admit that you have put forth the best case I have yet seen in favour of a more active policy and your memorandum should help to provoke a good deal of thinking by the senior officers of the Department. Perhaps when they have had an opportunity of thinking over what you have written we might have a thorough discussion of this whole subject.

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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Recently both Mr. Dulles and Mr. Lodge have mentioned to me the possibility of Canada sending an observer to the forthcoming Inter-American meeting which is being held, I believe, at Cuba.<sup>5</sup> I gave a non-committal but sympathetic response to the suggestion, which is one that we should give serious consideration to.

I shall want to discuss this matter with you on my return.

L.B. P[EARSON]

<sup>5</sup> Dans l'original, le mot «Cuba» est biffé et le document porte l'annotation marginale suivante:  
In the original the word "Cuba" is crossed out and the following is written in a marginal note:  
Caracas, Venezuela, scheduled for October 1953, postponed till Feb[ruary]/March 1954.  
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