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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au chargé d'affaires au Mexique*
*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Chargé d'Affaires in Mexico*

DESPATCH X-345⁹

Ottawa, October 28, 1952

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OBSERVER STATUS FOR CANADA AT 10TH INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO BE HELD
IN VENEZUELA LATE IN 1953

Early in September the United States Embassy showed us, informally, a State Department memorandum of September 3 on this subject. This memorandum, which indicated that the State Department planned to raise the matter with the Ambassador in Washington, was brought to the attention of Mr. Wrong in our despatch no. X-1456 of September 13. Mr. Wrong then gave his views in despatch no. 2074 of September 25. On October 8, a departmental memorandum on the question was prepared for me. As, however, I did not have an opportunity to discuss this matter in Cabinet before leaving for the General Assembly of the United Nations, Mr. Wrong was informed in a telegram of October 18, that Cabinet consideration of the problem was unlikely until after the General Assembly. Copies of all above-mentioned papers are enclosed.

2. I would appreciate receiving from you at an early date any suggestions or comments you wish to make concerning this question of Canadian observers attending the 10th Inter-American Conference of the Organization of American States. You will appreciate that discussion of the question at this stage with officials of the O.A.S. or of any governments that are members of the Organization would not be desirable since it might well lead to additional pressure for us to send observers to the 1953 Conference before the Canadian Government has an opportunity to formulate views in the matter.

3. I am sending a similar despatch to all our offices in Latin America.

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for Secretary of State
for External Affairs

⁹Un message semblable a été envoyé à Rio de Janeiro, n° 294 ; Lima, n° 198 ; Santiago, n° 292 ; Buenos Aires, n° 335 ; Caracas, n° 179 et La Havane, n° 234.

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