

He cited Canadian precedent of Mexico, Peru, Chile and Brazil. An early reply is desired as appointment of new Argentine representative will await agreement regarding status.

2. Señor Pardo repeatedly explained that Argentine Government's present policy is to rotate *all* present diplomatic heads of Missions, giving them new posts. Doctor Vivot will consequently be transferred shortly. This information, however, is confidential and Doctor Vivot has not yet been notified.

3. Señor Pardo hoped, when agreement referred to in paragraph 1 above is reached, Canadian Government will make an early appointment of Canadian Ambassador here, to round-out diplomatic relations.

4. Interview was extremely friendly towards Canada.

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*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs³ to
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SECRET

San Francisco, May 23, 1945

Dear Mr. Read,

I wish to refer to your letter of April 27th,[†] transmitting copies of telegrams exchanged with our Legation in Argentina regarding the possible elevation of the mission to the status of Embassy, and to Kirkwood's subsequent telegram No. 45 of May 16th,[†] which was referred to the Delegation in San Francisco.

My view is that we should defer action on the status of the mission to the Argentine until we are in a position to appoint a new representative there. This should be done fairly promptly, but cannot be done until we are in a position to make diplomatic appointments to the European Allied Governments from whom we receive representatives in Ottawa. To appoint an Ambassador to Argentina before we have opened missions in Norway or Czechoslovakia would invite reasonable criticism. In any case, I think it would be wise to allow a certain interval to elapse between the admission of Argentina to the United Nations Conference and the appointment of a Canadian representative at Buenos Aires with ambassadorial rank.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. ROBERTSON

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