

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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5. You also suggested in your telegram under reference the possibility of withdrawing the British Air Mission from Lisbon as a mark of displeasure at the behaviour of the Portuguese Government. I doubt whether the withdrawal of the Air Mission would in fact be likely to influence Dr. Salazar over wolfram and after consultation with the appropriate Service authorities I consider that the matter should not be pursued further for the present.

W.L.M. King

20th Nov 1944

Revised to Washington 19th Nov 1944

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Your telegram of 14th Nov 1944 is received and the contents of the Portuguese mission are being considered.

The Portuguese Government have expressed their interest in the proposed withdrawal of the Air Mission and it is being considered in the light of the facts mentioned in your telegram.

It is noted that the Portuguese Government are of the opinion that the withdrawal of the Air Mission would be a mark of displeasure at the behaviour of the Portuguese Government. It is considered that the withdrawal of the Air Mission would not be likely to influence Dr. Salazar over wolfram and after consultation with the appropriate Service authorities it is considered that the matter should not be pursued further for the present.

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It is noted that the Portuguese Government are of the opinion that the withdrawal of the Air Mission would be a mark of displeasure at the behaviour of the Portuguese Government. It is considered that the withdrawal of the Air Mission would not be likely to influence Dr. Salazar over wolfram and after consultation with the appropriate Service authorities it is considered that the matter should not be pursued further for the present.