

United States is not likely to act for some time as it has become disturbed by the current tendency shown by some Latin American nations to overthrow popularly-elected or established régimes by violence. The United States is currently undertaking an exchange of views with certain nations of the hemisphere with a view to the adoption of "legitimate and appropriate action" within the inter-American system "to strengthen the democratic and constitutional framework of the governments of this continent."

4. You will recall that in the case of Peru we extended recognition very shortly after the United Kingdom and the United States. In this instance, the United Kingdom and the United States acted almost simultaneously. In the case of Venezuela, the United Kingdom, while at first intending to follow the lead of the United States, decided to act on its own and extended recognition on December 23. If you concur, we might continue to withhold recognition for a short while to see whether the United States is likely to act at an early date. If, however, the United States appears to be delaying its recognition unduly, we could agree to extend recognition without awaiting a lead from the United States.⁷

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*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
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CANADIAN POLICY CONCERNING ANTARCTIC QUESTIONS

I. *Introduction*

During the past winter the recurrent controversial question of sovereignty in Antarctic territories was brought to the fore by a dispute between the United Kingdom and Argentina and Chile. In response to Argentine and Chilean naval expeditions to the Falkland Islands Dependencies, the United Kingdom Ambassadors in Chile and Argentina on December 17, 1947, delivered formal notes of protest to the two Governments involved. In spite of these protests the provocations continued.

⁷ Notes marginales :/Marginal notes:

I concur. E.R. H[opkins]

Continue to withhold until U.S. recognizes but re-examine policy in about 10 days if U.S. hasn't recognized. E[scott] R[eid]