

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that my Government, desiring to bring about a stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, proposes as a means the organization of a closer cooperation between appropriate administrative officials of the United States of America and those of certain European Governments.

For this purpose, I am instructed to propose to your Excellency's government the following measures:

(1) The direct exchange between the Department of the Treasury and the corresponding Danish Department of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in this illicit traffic. This information and evidence would include photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, descriptions of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.

(2) The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs or of persons involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements may concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily, it is useless.

(3) Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge on behalf of my Government of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Colonel L. G. Nutt, whose mail and telegraph address is: "Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C."

I trust that this proposition of my Government will obtain the agreement of the Royal Government and in this case I beg you to be kind enough to inform me of the name and official position of the Royal official with whom Colonel Nutt could correspond.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Legation

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NOTE VERBALE

In continuation of its Note Verbale of April 11th last the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, after having consulted the competent authorities, has the honor to inform the Legation of the United States of America that those authorities have reported that contraventions of the provisions of the legislation on opium in Denmark are relatively rare and that the international rules to prevent all attempts to evade the law already necessitate, with reference to their practical importance for Denmark, a considerable work of control and correspondence. Nevertheless, the Danish authorities have declared that they are quite disposed, in cases where contraventions of importance, especially for America, may be brought to the knowledge of the Health Administration of Denmark, to advise the competent American authorities of the same by transmitting to them all the information relative thereto. The Health Administration will, for its part, be pleased to receive such information as the United States may consider to be of importance for Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, *April 23, 1928.*