

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Legation to the Foreign Office

AIDE MEMOIRE

Endeavoring to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the American Treasury Department has requested that an effort be made to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain European countries, including the Netherlands.

The arrangement contemplated by the Treasury Department includes

(1) The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office in the Netherlands of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description 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 those involved in smuggling drugs if such movements might concern the other country unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily issued by usual methods;

(3) Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The American Legation is instructed to endeavor to arrange with the Netherland Government for such a direct exchange of information along the lines above outlined.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge, in behalf of the United States 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., U.S. of America.

Should the proposed arrangement meet with the approval of Her Majesty's Government, the American legation would be pleased to learn the name of the Dutch official with whom Colonel Nutt should communicate.

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NOTE

Referring to the Aide Memoire transmitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Legation of the United States of America on December 24, 1927, in relation to cooperation between the appropriate authorities of the United States and certain European countries, including the Netherlands, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to report as follows.

Her Majesty's Government approves the arrangement proposed by the Treasury Department as outlined in the above-mentioned Aide Memoire and gladly complies with the desire expressed by the Legation of the United States that it designate a Dutch official with whom Colonel Nutt could communicate. To this end it has designated the Chief of Police at Amsterdam, in collaboration with his colleague at Rotterdam.

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To the Legation of the
United States of America