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July 14, 1947

In reply refer to:
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My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Embassy of the United States in Santiago, Chile, has informed us that the Chilean Air Force Chief of Staff recently had a conversation with our Military Air Attache, in which the former displayed interest in the establishment of a joint United States-Chilean air base in the Magallanes area of Southern Chile. The files of the Department of State show previous correspondence with the Departments of War and Navy on the general subject of a base in this area.

It will be recalled that when previously consulted, the War and Navy Departments were of the opinion that while it might be desirable to obtain rights to establish a base in the Magallanes area when and if needed, there was then no immediate need for such a base. Unless the views set forth in the War Department's letter of April 19, 1945 have changed to the extent that a definite need for such a base has now developed, it is the intention of the Department to inform the Embassy at Santiago that it is not advisable to entertain discussions with the Chilean Government concerning the acquisition of a base.

JUL 15 1947 An identical letter has been sent to the Secretary of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable
Robert P. Patterson,
Secretary of War.

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November 6, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,
NAVE DEPARTMENT:

Attention: Commander Kelso Saly,
Office of Naval Intelligence.

Reference is made to a memorandum from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, dated October 19, 1946, relating to the request of the Chilean Naval Commission that instruction in gunnery be furnished a Chilean Naval Officer, and enclosing a list of the confidential and restricted information which will be used in connection with the courses to be taken by the Chilean Officer.

The Subcommittee for Technical Information Security Control of the State-Navy Coordinating Committee has unanimously determined that there is no objection to the disclosure of the information under reference to the Chilean Officer in connection with the courses which he is to take.

Frederick Eaton
Chairman, Subcommittee for Technical
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OPD 336 Chile (3 Aug 45)

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of August 3, 1945, relative to the Special Engineering Mission to assist the Chilean Government in the construction of airfields in Chile.

As was suggested in your letter, arrangements have been made whereby all the personnel for this Special Mission are being ordered to Headquarters, Caribbean Defense Command, Quarry Heights Canal Zone. After a brief period of indoctrination the Mission will then proceed to Santiago, Chile, and will coordinate its work with the American Embassy and the Chilean Government.

For your information, the Mission will be composed of the following personnel: Chief, Colonel Daniel E. Ellis; Members: Major Fred E. Buck, Major James L. Williams, Major Frederick L. Jesses, Major Horace B. Houston, Captain Lee W. Patten, First Lieutenant Guy W. Jackson, Master Sergeant William E. Walker, Master Sergeant Alfred D. Beavin.

The War Department has received information that Mr. Gilbert Smith has been selected by the Civil Aeronautics Administrator as their representative on this Mission. In view of the fact that Mr. Smith is now in the Canal Zone, it is requested that the Department of State inform the Civil Aeronautics Administrator of the clearance received from the Chilean Government in order that he may arrange for Mr. Smith to join the Mission in the Canal Zone.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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The Honorable

The Acting Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

With reference to the letter from the Assistant Secretary of State dated May 31, 1945, concerning the placing of a special engineering mission to assist the Chilean Government in construction of airfields, I am pleased to learn that it is the State Department's view that the War Department should proceed with the assignment of such a mission.

The War Department contemplates assigning for this purpose a special mission to consist of approximately 13 officers and enlisted men on permanent duty with the Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command. General Brett will then assign this personnel on temporary duty in Chile. By this means, all questions of additional compensation and individual diplomatic clearance for the personnel involved will be avoided, since the United States will bear all expenses. It will also enable General Brett to withdraw the mission when its task in Chile is completed for use in some other country should such use appear desirable at that time.

The War Department is presently engaged in locating personnel with the proper requirements for this group. It is contemplated that Colonel Ellis, the present Military Air Attache in Chile, will be appointed as its chief. It would be appreciated if your Department would secure the concurrence of the Government of Chile to this plan and advise the War Department when such concurrence is obtained.

It is understood that the mission will make no commitments with regard to the furnishing of Lend-Lease. The assignment of a technician from the Civil Aeronautics Administration as a member of the group will be handled directly between the War Department and the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

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(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

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OPD 336 Chile (16 Mar 45)

The Honorable
The Assistant Secretary of State

MAR 23 1945

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of March 16, 1945 wherein you transmit the text of a communication addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile by the Minister of National Defense of that country expressing satisfaction with the recently concluded bilateral military staff conversations between military representatives of Chile and the United States.

Copies of your letter are being transmitted to Generals Brett and Smith and copies of the same letter are being included in their official records.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Acting Secretary of War

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OPD 580.82 Latin America (7 Aug 44)

September , 1944

September 25, 1944

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I refer to a memorandum dated August 7, 1944 from the Department of State to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division, War Department General Staff, subject: "Interest of Chilean Government in Constructing a Network of Airfields in Chile", inclosing a memorandum submitted to you by the Chilean Air Force Commission.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have decided that there is no necessity for the development of military air bases in Chile at this time. Therefore, I consider that the only direct military interest which the War Department has in the above project lies in obtaining from Chile the right for military aircraft to fly into, through and away from that country.

The potential value of commercial aviation to any future military effort is of course recognized, and to that extent the War Department is interested in the development of commercial bases, both foreign and domestic. However, since the matter of obtaining operating and other rights for international commercial airline expansion, as certificated by the Civil Aeronautics Board, is one in which your Department exercises primary interest, I suggest that the construction of airfields in Chile be approached from the commercial airline standpoint rather than from any military requirement.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of 8 February 1945 enclosing copies of dispatches and enclosures from the American Ambassador at Santiago, Chile, concerning the possible establishment of a naval and air base in the Magallanes area of Chile.

The subject of U.S. requirements for post-war bases is a matter of continuing study by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In view of the indicated joint Army-Navy interest in this matter, I have arranged to have your letter, with enclosures, studied by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I wish, therefore, to withhold comment on your letter until the Joint Chiefs of Staff study of the military aspects of this problem is received.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON

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8 February 1945

Memorandum For the Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary of War:

No action is being taken on this matter
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at this time.

For the Secretariat, SWNCC.

A. F. Richardson
Secretary

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Memorandum For Mr. Kane, Special Assistant
to the Secretary of the Navy:

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For the Secretariat, SWNCC.

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WASHINGTON

February 8, 1945

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Ambassador Bowers points out in his despatch No. 11,403 of January 4 that quite aside from the discussions of this subject referred to above, it is appropriate at this time to determine whether this Government wishes to take up the question of the development of a base in the Magallanes area with the Chilean Government. The Department of State has already in another connection informed Ambassador Bowers that the subject of operational facilities including bases is not to be considered in the military and naval staff conversations now going on between representatives of the armed forces of Chile and the United States in Santiago.

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/s/ Joseph C. Grew
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