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APR 3 - 1945

Spain

The Honorable
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In your letter of March 10, 1945 you stated that, in view of recent successful negotiations with respect to Air Transport Command operations in Spain, the War Department might wish to lend its support to an application for licenses to export equipment required for the improvement of certain airports in Spain.

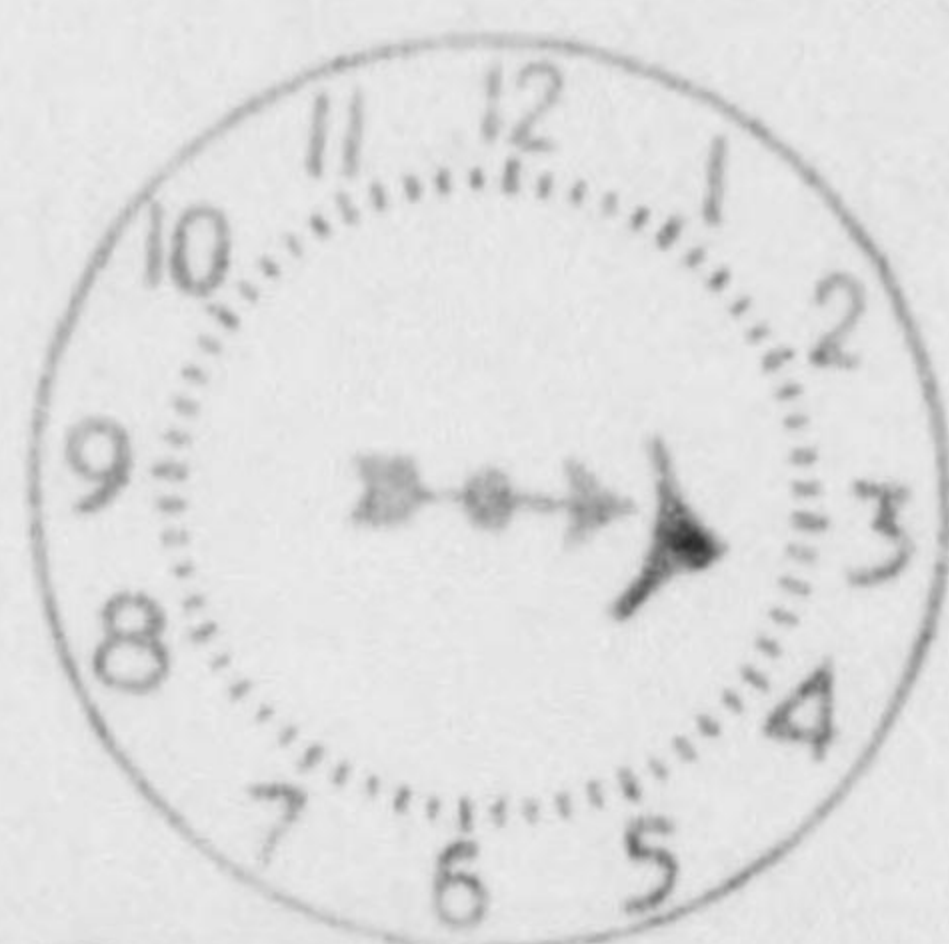
A letter is being sent to the Foreign Economic Administration, interposing no objection to the granting of export licenses for the equipment indicated in the subject letter, provided that this equipment and the necessary shipping is furnished from Foreign Economic Administration quotas.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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REMARKS:

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MAR 5- 1945

The Honorable
 The Secretary of State
 Dear Mr. Secretary:

Spain

Reference is made to your letter of 21 February 1945 and my reply thereto dated 28 February 1945 relative to information concerning the Spanish Consul General at Manila.

Attached hereto for your information is a paraphrased copy of a message received from General MacArthur in reply to the inquiry initiated by the War Department in connection with your above letter.

The dispatch mentioned by General MacArthur in his radio as containing information on the state of the Spanish Colony and Spanish interests will be furnished to the State Department by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, as soon as it is received. It will be noted that General MacArthur states that the continued presence in an official capacity of the Spanish Consul General is undesirable and that his deportation is requested.

Since the deportation of this diplomatic official is a matter for the State Department's consideration, it is requested that the War Department be advised of the State Department's desires and as to the necessary action which must be taken by the War Department to comply with General MacArthur's request.

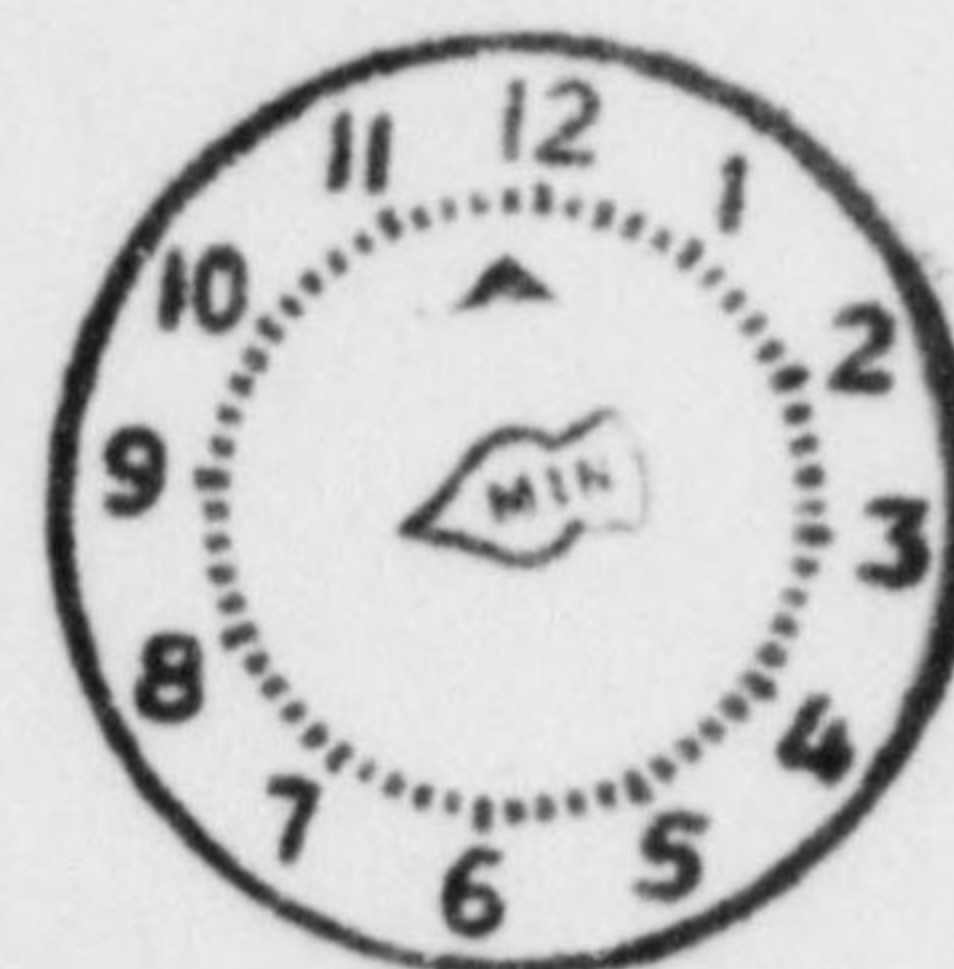
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Secretary of War

1 Incl - Paraphrased copy
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PARAPHRASE OF INCOMING MESSAGE

From: GHQ, Southwest Pacific Area, Philippines**To:** War Department**No.:** UAD 62662**Date:** 28 February 1945

In answer to your radio No. W 43039 dated 24 February 1945 the following information is supplied:

1. Ricardo Padilla is now refuged in Baguio. He has married a girl of local prominent family and has a good reputation. He is still connected with Tabascalera.
2. Spanish Colony and Spanish interests in the islands have generally suffered at the hands of the Japanese through plunder and exploitation. Japanese have also recently killed a substantial number of Spanish nationals. A consular dispatch containing full information regarding the state of the Spanish interests and Spanish Colony has been forwarded by courier to G-2, War Department.
3. Spanish Consul Castano throughout the occupancy of his office has been consistently pro-Axis and pro-Japanese and anti-ally in his attitude. There was printed in the Manila Tribune 11 May 1942 a letter from him to Japanese Commander General Homma congratulating the latter on his victory at Bataan and Corregidor and also offering the services of himself and that of the Spanish Colonies. The Spanish Colonies are for the most part opposed to Castano and protested the above offer of services. As further evidence of his anti-ally and pro-Japanese attitude, Castano provided enemy military police with lists of American citizens. This action eventually led to the arrest and internment of these persons. The continued presence in an official capacity of this diplomat is extremely undesirable and it is requested that his deportation be effected.

Action: G-2**Info.:** OPD

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REMARKS:

Mr. Massey
Room 178, State Bldg

FEBRUARY 15, 1945

In reply refer to
AV 852.79662/2-945

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URGENT

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to a secret memorandum of January 29, 1945 which the Combined Chiefs of Staff addressed to the Department, and to the British Embassy, recommending that diplomatic pressure be brought to bear on the Spanish Government for suspension of the Lufthansa service between Spain and Germany, and stating further that the Combined Chiefs of Staff considered that the proposed Spanish air service between Spain and Switzerland, through and over France, should not be allowed.

The Department, on February 5, transmitted a paraphrase of the above communication to our interested Embassies, with instructions to take such immediate steps as they might deem appropriate, and in conjunction with the British representative, to carry out the recommendations of the Combined Chiefs. The Department is now in receipt of secret telegram no. 198, February 9, 1945 from the Embassy at Madrid, paraphrase of which is enclosed for your information.

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The Honorable

James V. Forrestal,

Secretary of the Navy.

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With the foregoing recommendation in mind there appear to be two alternatives, viz., that the Spanish be allowed to operate their own service to Switzerland, subject to adequate security controls at some point in France, or, in view of the Spanish willingness to permit our Air Transport Command to operate into, through and away from their territory, that the Air Transport Command carry such amount of Spanish traffic as may be able to qualify under Executive Order 9492.

It seems to the Department that the first of these alternatives is the *more* satisfactory since our military would have the power to exercise full control over the traffic carried by this line without necessarily being burdened with the additional formalities imposed by the Executive Order. Furthermore, the Department believes that a minimum service operated by IBERIA would not necessarily require any additional allocation of aviation gasoline or flight equipment. However, should the military authorities not see their way clear to permitting the establishment of service by IBERIA, the Department would appreciate their giving consideration to the second alternative. In any event, since we are all agreed that the immediate suspension of the Lufthansa service is desirable your prompt consideration of the suggestions contained herein would be appreciated.

A similar letter has been addressed to the Secretary of War.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Clayton
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Paraphrase of telegram
from Embassy, Madrid,
February 9, 1945.

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