

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

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Department of State files

*The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

[TRANSLATION]

No. 11

BUCHAREST, February 4, 1928

MR. MINISTER:

In an endeavor to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Treasury Department of the United States of America would like to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of my country and those of Rumania. Upon the request of the Treasury Department I have been directed by my Government to transmit to you, for consideration and approval of the Royal Government, the following proposals:

1. The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the appropriate authorities of Rumania 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 it is useless.
3. Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

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<sup>1</sup> *Department of State Bulletin*, Mar. 14, 1948, p. 356.

<sup>2</sup> TIAS 1649, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 403.

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.

In case the proposed arrangement meets with the approval of the Royal Government, I have been instructed by my Government to report by telegram, giving the name and the title of the Rumanian Government official with whom Colonel Nutt should communicate. I have the honor, therefore, to request Your Excellency to kindly send me as soon as possible the reply of the Royal Government to the above proposals of the Government of the United States.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

W. S. CULBERTSON  
*Minister of the United States of America*

His Excellency  
Mr. ION G. DUCA  
*Minister for Foreign Affaires, ad interim*  
*Etc., Etc., Etc.*  
*Bucharest*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
No. 22683

BUCHAREST, *April 17, 1929*

MR. MINISTER,

Referring to Note No. 38 of March 12th, which Your Excellency was so kind as to send me, I have the honor to inform you that the Royal Government fully shares the point of view of the Treasury Department of the United States of America as to the necessity of a stricter control of harmful drugs by means of the establishment of closer relations between the administrative authorities of the two countries by facilitating the exchange of information concerning such illegal trafficking.

The Direction of Public Security (La Direction Générale de la Sûreté de l'Etat) has been directed, therefore, to transmit directly to Colonel L. G. Nutt of the Treasury Department all information and facts which it possesses concerning the question of narcotics in Rumania and to cooperate with the

American administrative authorities with the view to curtailing the illegal operations of those who traffic in drugs.

For the Minister,

G. GAFENCU

His Excellency

Mr. CHARLES WILSON

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America*