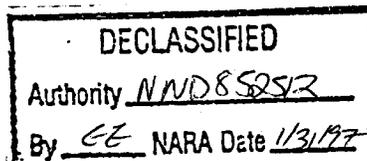


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TOP SECRETBuenos Aires, Argentina  
November 6, 1946

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am sorry to burden you, but in view of the close interest which you are taking in this important matter of compliance by the Argentine with her inter-American commitments, I am sending you herewith a copy of my top secret despatch No. 1140 of November 4, 1946 which gives a full report on the further action which is being taken by the Argentine government in the matter of enemy property. You will not have time to read this despatch, but I think you will wish to have someone give you the substance thereof.

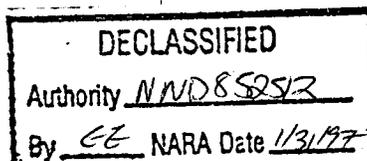
There is not a day passes that I and my associates in the Embassy are not in close touch with the high officials of the Argentine government and with the ones who are actively and concretely handling these problems of enemy property and aliens. During the last month in particular, very real progress has been made in the matter of enemy property and a definite program has now been laid down by the government which is in process of execution, and I think that the results which can be made public in the near future and progressively will give you great satisfaction.

Concerning the determination of the Argentine government to proceed with the liquidation of this property or appropriate action with respect thereto, there

is no

The Honorable  
James F. Byrnes,  
Secretary of State,  
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is no doubt. It took a long time for the Argentine government, in spite of the primary decision which it had taken, to get the administrative machinery going, but I am happy to say that it is now functioning. The President and the Foreign Minister are taking a very concrete and direct interest in this matter and are following it almost every day.

Believe me, with all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith

Enclosure:

Copy of Despatch No. 1140  
dated November 4, 1946

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