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May 27, 1969

Mr. Norman Duberstein
Assistant Chief, Excise Tax Branch
Internal Revenue Service
Room 3231, Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Duberstein:

There are enclosed for your consideration copies of self-explanatory correspondence sent to the Department of State by the Consul General of the Dominican Republic at New York, Mr. Ramon A. Castillo.

The Protocol Office has been informed by the New York Telephone Company that it is limited by the Internal Revenue Code to refunds covering only a three-year period.

It will be appreciated if your office will review this case and authorize the issuance of a refund of all Federal excise tax paid in connection with telephone service of the Consulate General of the Dominican Republic for the entire period of time in question. Since the Habana Convention on "Consular Agents", signed February 20, 1928, is in force between the Governments of the United States and the Dominican Republic, career consular officers and employees of the Dominican Republic are also entitled to exemption from taxation on personal telephone charges.

Thank you for your assistance, and for a reply in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Marion H. Smoak
Assistant Chief of Protocol

Enclosure:

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