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I drafted a circular telegram which was sent to all the Latin American missions. I then called the Mexican Ambassador Margain and told him I was sending an officer over so that he could be informed of the telegram and that I was calling the Foreign Minister about the same subject.

I then called Freeman and told him to be on the lookout for the circular and to do his best when he talked with Carrillo Flores to impress on him the seriousness with which we viewed the Dominican situation.

I then called Carrillo Flores and said that we were sending a telegram with our rationale which Freeman would soon be taking up with him, and I wanted him to know that we attached great importance to this and hoped that Mexico could be cooperative in the OAS proceedings.

Carrillo Flores told me he thought Mexico had been very moderate considering their long opposition and strong feelings about any kind of military occupation. I said this was not an occupation but had a humanitarian base and that we felt that we could not leave our own citizens to their fate. Carrillo Flores said he would wait for Freeman's visit and in substance that he would do the best that he could. There were no promises on his part.

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