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CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA
CONCERNING ITS REPLY TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE
ON THE COCA LEAF

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate to the members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs a summary of the correspondence he has exchanged with the Bolivian Government concerning its reply to the Questionnaire on the Coca Leaf (E/CN.7/105).

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On 21 September 1948 the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to the Minister for External Relations of Bolivia drawing his attention to the relevant paragraph of the Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to the Economic and Social Council on its third session (E/799, page 30). In this paragraph the Commission requested the Secretary-General to ask the Government of Bolivia if any clarification could be given to the statement contained in the reply of the Government of Bolivia dated 20 February 1948, to the effect that "if the coca leaves cultivated in Bolivia contained any narcotic properties, the race would disappear" (E/CN.7/W.34), and to communicate such clarification to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

By a note verbale dated 9 December 1948 the Bolivian Ministry of External Relations acknowledged the receipt of the Secretary-General's note verbale mentioned above and stated that the request made by the Secretary-General had been transmitted to the Ministry of Hygiene and Health.

On 30 March 1949 the Secretary-General sent a further note to the Minister for External Relations stating that "in view of the fact that the fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will open on 9 May 1949, the Secretary-General has the honour to inquire whether the Ministry of Hygiene and Health is yet in a position to supply any further information on this subject which he could transmit to the Commission".

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