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CAB Route IV(A) at Madrid and Barcelona;

CAB Route IV(B) at Madrid or Seville and possibly Cartagena;

CAB Route IV(C) at Madrid and Bilbao or Santander, either in addition or as an alternate to Lisbon:

CAB Route V(A) at Madrid and possibly Seville;

On the Lyautey - Algiers war emergency route at Madrid and possibly Cartagena.

In addition we recommended obtaining rights for technical or emergency alternate stops at other suitable airports in Spanish territory. Our Embassy concurred with those recommendations with minor modifications and cabled the State Department for authority to undertake negotiations of this scope.

The cable exchange had not been completed when we left Spain but upon arrival in Washington I was pleased to find our Madrid Embassy had been given carte blanche to proceed along the lines recommended.

Collateral Observations

Discussions with Spanish scientists and technicians revealed their very high regard for our American mechanical and scientific equipment. They now use the European or I.E.A.N, system of air navigation facilities; but the Chief of the Flying Safety Service stated that he would be glad to install and operate American type air navigation facilities on any routes over which we might operate.through Spain "if you will sell us the necessary equipment". This may have been slightly over optimistic.

The Meteorological service was very anxious to obtain American equipment for radiosonde weather observations. The Chief of Airport Construction lamented the fact that he had been unable to obtain delivery of certain American construction equipment which he stated had been ordered and paid for just before our entry into the war, although he appreciated the reasons why it was not forthcoming. Further than that he desired to obtain considerable airport construction equipment over and above that which had been ordered in 1941.

Mention was also made of their eagerness to purchase asphalt for airport paving and also for highway construction and repair. I made no comment to the Spaniards as to the possibility of obtaining any of these at an early date but I observed to our Embassy staff that with the virtual completion of war construction in our country there is a fair quantity of modern type slightly used construction equipment not now in use which might well be sold to the Spaniards at a fair price to our mutual benefit. I also mentioned that our tremendous war time gasoline production has resulted in correspondingly increased production of the asphalt byproduct.

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