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CAB Route IV(A) at Madrid and Barcelona;
 CAB Route IV(B) at Madrid or Seville and possibly Cartagena;
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 or as an alternate to Lisbon;
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 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.

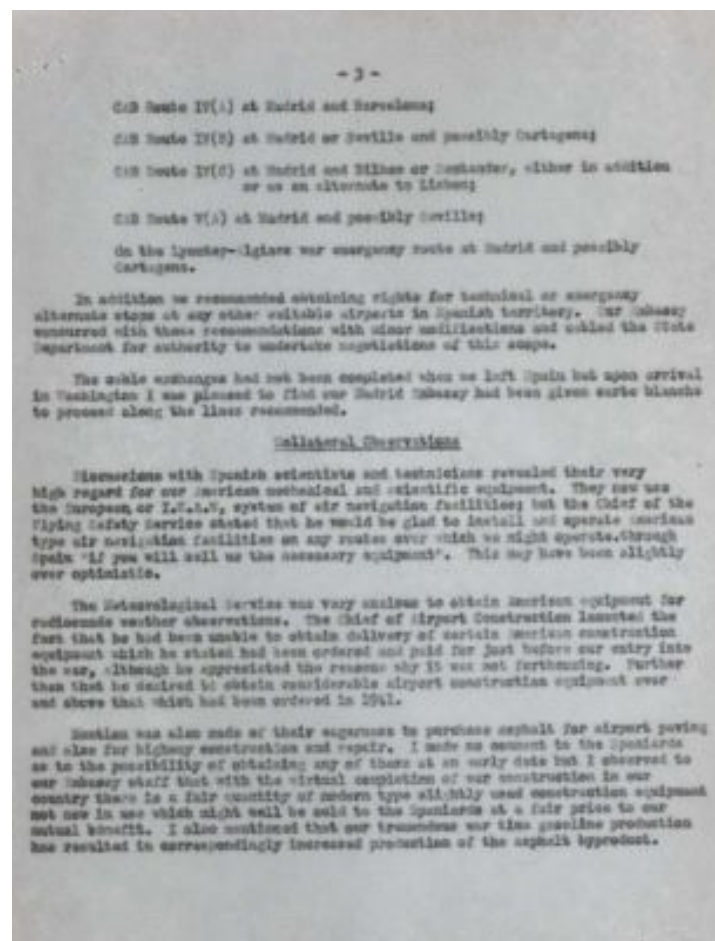
The cable exchange had not been completed when we left Spain but
 upon arrival in Washington I was pleased to find our Madrid Embassy
 had been given carte blanche to proceed along the lines recommended.

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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