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SUBJECT: ARTUKOVIC CASE

In a conversation with me this morning, Mr. Jaksa PETRIC, Chief of Western Hemisphere and British Commonwealth Affairs in the Foreign Office, mentioned the serious view which the Foreign Office took of the latest developments in the ARTUKOVIC extradition case, wherein a United States court had declared invalid the extradition treaty concluded between the United States and the former Kingdom of Serbia. He said that if this decision were allowed to stand, it presumably would invalidate other basic treaties of similar origin between the United States and the present Yugoslav Government. This in turn could lead to a serious state of confusion and uncertainty which might effect the relations between our two countries.

I replied that I understood the question was still being discussed between the Yugoslav Embassy and the Department and that while I had no recent information, I would make known to the Department the concern expressed by Mr. Petric on behalf of the Foreign Office.

For the Ambassador:

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