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May 25, 1909.

My dear Mr. Minister:

May I ask you to be good enough to ascertain by telegraph whether the appointment of Mr. William F. Sands, of the District of Columbia, as Minister of the United States to Guatemala will be agreeable to your Government?

Mr. Sands entered the diplomatic service of the United States on May 27th, 1896, when he was appointed Second Secretary of the Legation at Tokyo, Japan. On October 14, 1897, he was appointed Secretary of the Legation at Seoul, Korea, which office he resigned on October 27, 1899, while Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, to become Foreign Advisor to the King of Korea. He re-entered the diplomatic service of the United States on April 1, 1905, when he was appointed Secretary of the Legation at Panama, which office he held until appointed Secretary of the Legation at Guatemala City, on July 1, 1907. From this last mentioned office he was transferred to Mexico City on June 10, 1908, as Secretary of the Embassy there, an office which he now holds.

Both Mr. Sands's grandfather and father were distinguished Rear Admirals in the United States Navy. Mr. Sands was educated at Feldkirch, in Austria, and is a graduate of the Law School of the

Georgetown University.

I feel doubly confident that Mr. Sands will conduct the affairs of the mission in a manner acceptable to your Government, because of my knowledge of the very cordial relations he had the honor to enjoy with the President and Government of Guatemala during his former service at the Capital of your country.

I am, my dear Mr. Herrarte,

Very sincerely yours,

Murphy J. Wilson

Señor Dr. Don Luis Toledo Herrarte,

etc., etc., etc.,

Legation of Guatemala.