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Mr. Calero, the Mexican Ambassador, said that he was ready to take up the Chamizal question. I said I had been very glad to receive this morning his note in that sense. I told the Ambassador that the President was tremendously interested in the expeditious settlement of the Chamizal affair and had asked me to take the first opportunity to initiate this discussion with the Ambassador. I remarked that the Secretary had been discussing it before his departure and had asked Mr. Anderson, the Counsellor of the Department, to give it detailed study with a view to a practical discussion with the Ambassador and that I should be happy to take advantage of this opportunity when Mr. Calero was at the Department to present Mr. Anderson to him so that, if agreeable to the Ambassador, they might have a preliminary conversation and perhaps fix a convenient time for a meeting really to begin the work. It was apparent that this suggestion was entirely agreeable to the Ambassador. I therefore asked the Secretary's messenger to request Mr. Anderson [who I had previously learned was in the Department] to come to the large reception room. Eddie returned with a slip of paper on which he had written "Mr. Anderson
"Mr. Anderson is engaged". I asked Eddie/whom he was engaged and learned that it was only with Mr. Osborne of the Department. I thereupon wrote on a slip of paper, "Mr. Anderson, please come to the large reception room to meet the Mexican Ambassador. H. W." Eddie handed this paper to Mr. Anderson and returned with a slip of paper on which he (Eddie) had written, "Mr. Anderson says he is engaged and cannot come in". To my inquiries Eddie said that there was no one there but Mr. Osborne, that he himself had handed my written message to Mr. Anderson and that Mr. Anderson had told him to tell me that he was engaged and could not come in.