



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1914.

My dear Mr. President:

I am sending you a copy of a telegram which we have prepared for transmission to the Haitien Legation, together with a copy of the telegram which it answers.

I submitted to you a telegram a few days ago to the effect that our recognition would not depend upon their making a treaty with us giving us the control of the customs, and that in deciding upon the question of recognition we would want to know it was a stable government, capable of performing its duties and giving promise of stability.

Before receiving this they have sent us a counter proposition - that is, counter to our original proposition - in regard to trade. It is so evidently an attempt to negotiate for concessions that I think it is well for us to let them distinctly understand that this Government is not disposed to make a bargain of that kind.

I would like to have the benefit of your suggestions before sending this telegram.

With assurances of high respect I am, my dear Mr. President,

Yours very sincerely,

Enclosure:

The Honorable  
Woodrow Wilson,  
The White House.

*W. G. Bryan*

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