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Dr Hussey's memo of 3/14/46 to Briggs, Knapp and Butler; Dreier
Statement on "Franco Spain and the American Hemisphere".

After carefully stating reluctance to make any statements on any subject
so intimately connected with domestic affairs of OAR, "We agreed, however, to
make a general statement which would incorporate a mention of the Secretary
General's specific requests and the suggestion that details could
presumably be furnished" by the OARs concerned. "The draft statement is,
I believe, accurate as to fact. I have included a few statements, the ad-
visability of which I question on the grounds that it is easier to cut
them out than to write them in."

Note that only the adviseability, not the fact, was questioned, and that
he put them in rather than leaving them out, a complete parallel with my
report. Not that is response to specific requests, not statement of opinion
or policy but of fact.

Attached 5/16 "Memo for the File" says statement (the original of which I
used) "was prepared to be transmitted to the Security Council studying the
Spanish situation. The final form is the result of several conferences with
in ARA and of two which included also Outerbridge Horsey of the Spanish
Desk, and John Ross of SPA. The statement is intended to give information
to the United Nations as to things which this Government could prove if
it felt free to reveal the sources of its evidence, without going into
detail to a degree which may antagonize the people of the other American
"republics." a handwritten note refers to the Analysis section of the
Memo book 5/16/47, which I also checked. Note the words evidence,
information, prove.

The statement begins that it is in response to "point 9" of the Sec Gens
personal letter of 5/9/46,
questionnaire and his ~~questionnaire~~ "which specifically requested information
upon subversive activities by Franquista Spaniards."

Dr. Hussey's marginal note on this says, "This is not proof; it is statement for public consumption. (In fact, its true, but any good scholar would doubt it on general principles) If you're going to ~~give~~ quote it establish its accuracy first."

In the report, the quoted excerpts of this statement are preceded by these words, "The measures taken to further these (that is, Franco Spain's-HW) aims were succinctly stated by the Department of State in a memorandum prepared at the request of the United Nations. Although this memorandum covers activities in all the American Republics, it is completely applicable to Argentina."

It is not stated as proof, which, because of its nature and the high-level approval and endorsement, it certainly, it was accepted as by the UN, but is labelled as a succinct statement of facts.

Since when is an official statement of facts by the Department on behalf of the United States Government to be regarded as anything else by a research analyst? And it most certainly should be recalled that I informed Dr. Hussey I found the statement to be completely accurate, if anything an understatement of the truth, and that I intended to use it because it was so succinct and effectively presented. He responded modestly that it had been hastily prepared, to which I rejoined that I wouldn't embarrass him by praising his work. He at no time even indicated the ~~statement~~ "any good scholar would doubt it on general principles", of that it was, in effect, propaganda. Rather did he ~~not~~ reflect justifiable pride of authorship.