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The sentence marked A in the draft is not quite in line with the views endorsed by the Secretary of State on C 299/G.

From the Spanish point of view we shall be glad to see the French make a frontier rectification in Morocco in favour of Spain, perhaps even up to the limit of the Spanish claim ~~and of~~ the Convention of 1904. We have mediated in the past about this claim, but the decision went in favour of the French. I should however hesitate to say what, in the circumstances, would be regarded as a good offer.

unofficially

As regards Tangier, the position is that the French Government have reserved all the rights of the French State and those of the Sultan ~~Sovereign~~ in the International Zone. We are not in a position to insist that the French should satisfy Spanish claims in the Tangier zone unless we also are prepared to satisfy these claims. We have taken no decision on this point ourselves, the position being that we have reserved all our rights under the Tangier Convention and those of third parties, but are negotiating a modus vivendi with the Spanish Government.

After consultation with Sir A. Cadogan I suggest that the sentence in the draft should be altered to read as follows: "We should be in a position to press the French authorities to give some satisfaction to the Spanish claims contingent on the Spaniards playing straight".

in Morocco

I agree
French Staff

Parrot

14th January, 1941.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

General Janney is away today. I have however been in touch with Capt Nicoll, who told me that the Chiefs of Staff would have no views on this particular subject which is purely political. They would ~~not~~ concern in anything with which the Secretary of State agreed. They would like a copy of the telegram as eventually amended.

When the telegram is obtained from our point of view we should make sure that General Janney agrees before circulating it.

W. Stang
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