Sir:

I acknowledge the receipt of your Embassy's note No. 603 of February 5, 1948, informing the Department that Mr. Orren E. Safford, Consul of your Government with and honorary status at Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be absent from his post, and that Mr. L. C. Wilten, Honorary Consul of the Netherlands at Minneapolis, will be in charge of the office.

In conformity with the information supplied in the note, provisional recognition is accorded Mr. Wilten as Acting Consul of Belgium at Minneapolis during the absence of the Consul on leave until May 1948.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

(s) Norman Armour

Mr. Roger Taymans

Belgian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

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