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The statements of the Embassy in Madrid show that the suggestions in telegraphic report 1710^b of April 28 were not completely understood. The difficulties in exporting Argentine products to Spain and granting Navicerts are well known here. Therefore the Spanish firm, i.e., above all the Abello confidential agent, must inform the embassy in Madrid of what goods it wants to import from Argentina, and what goods it believes, from previous experience, can get the approved Navicerts. Not until it is ascertained what products are bought will confidential agents here begin camouflage operations; they, then, will inform what suppliers here are to be taken into consideration, and what Abello in turn is to inform its representative here.

The confidential agents here, after the receipt of the Abello order, will have the camouflaged packing by the suppliers done in such a way that neither Abello nor

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its export representative will know which and how much camouflaged goods is in the export consignment. After the consignment has left, the Embassy in Madrid will be informed, with a detailed list, in which boxes, barrels, or bales the camouflaged material is to be found, so that the confidential agents in Spain can make all the further preparations to receive the consignment. The Navicerts are not controlled from here, but are subject to approval of the British offices in Spain, even if they are proposed by the exporters here; for this reason the confidential agents here cannot tell, from day to day, which goods gets navicerts.

As an example, have it go like this: The firm wants to buy 1,000 cans of ham in Argentina, we will name the supplier, from whom they will then be ordered, and by whom, instead of ham, ~~liver-extract~~ will be packed in 400 of the 1,000 cans. According to the technical possibilities in each case, in this way goods needed by Germany (neats-foot oil, iodine medicaments) are to be brought to Spain.

I request answer and telegraphic directives.

- a. Not available.
- b. Available, translation in due course.

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