

## **Hull Denies Move for Alliance With Brazil In Visits of Marshall and Goes Monteiro**

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WASHINGTON, May 12.—The official visit to Brazil of General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the army, who is on the way to Rio de Janeiro, was said by Secretary Hull today to be one of courtesy and not to presage a military alliance. Mr. Hull said this at a press conference and later confirmed it formally in the following statement:

"At the press conference at the Department of State this morning a correspondent said that the inference has been made that General Marshall's trip to Brazil indicates that this government may be considering a general military understanding with Brazil for the defense of this hemisphere in the event of a world war.

"The correspondent asked whether the Secretary cared to comment on this. Secretary Hull said that General Marshall's visit and the return visit of General Goes Monteiro (the Brazilian Chief of Staff) to this country are purely visits of courtesy.

"The Secretary added that naturally, as in the case of exchanges of visits by high civilian officials and prominent business and professional men of the American republics, it is hoped that this exchange of visits between the highest ranking military officials of our two nations will form another and a valuable channel for the development of mutual comprehension and understanding of our common problems."