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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.



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October 15, 1909.

His Excellency

The Governor of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:

Referring to this Department's letter of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a despatch from the American Consul at Matamoros, Mexico, stating that after some trouble, the Governor of Tamaulipas on September 11, 1909, ordered the local authorities to arrest Jose Villa, charged with murder in Texas, and although from the 7th to the 11th of September he was known to be in the city and the police stated that he could be arrested as soon as proper orders were received, the arrest has not been made although some weeks have passed.

Jose Villa is now said to be hiding in the district and it appears that the arrest might be made with some danger to those undertaking it as he is an exceptionally bad man.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Secretary of State.