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My Lord,

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With reference to paragraph 7 (c) of the Financial Adviser's report enclosed with my despatch No. 199E of the 16th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose herewith copies of a letter from the President to the Congress to the effect that it will not be necessary to increase the existing legal limit on the total amount of the public debt during the present session of Congress, but recommending the abolition of the legal limit on the amount of the debt taking the form of Treasury bonds (as opposed to shorter dated obligations). There is not likely to be any serious opposition to this recommendation. Unless there is a complete reversal of the Administration's budgetary policy, the limit on the total amount of the debt will no doubt be increased next year.

2. Copies of this despatch and of the enclosure are being sent direct to His Majesty's Treasury and to the Department of Overseas Trade.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

(SGD) R. C. LINDSAY

The Right Honourable
The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,
etc., etc., etc.

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