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My dear Mr. Secretary,

I have been greatly interested to learn that on the 14th December Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, U.S.N. visited Pitcairn Island in the "North Star", flagship of the United States Antarctic Expedition and generously gave all possible help to the islanders in the matter of food, medical attention and technical assistance.

I feel certain that His Majesty's Government when they learn of this visit will feel greatly obliged to the Government of the United States and to Admiral Byrd for their promptness in relieving the distress caused in Pitcairn Island as a result of the war.

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The Honourable

Cordell Hull,

Secretary of State of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

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I should like to express to you, and  
through you to Admiral Byrd and the United  
States Antarctic Expedition, my own sincere  
appreciation of this humane action.

Believe me,

My dear Mr. Secretary,

Very sincerely yours,

(SGD) LOTHIAN