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My Lord,

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With reference to my despatch No. 132 of the 10th January, I have the honour to report that the President has appointed Mr. Clarence E. Gauss to be the first United States Minister to Australia and that the appointment was confirmed by the Senate on the 11th January.

2. Mr. Gauss, who is a career Foreign Service officer, has until recently been United States Consul General at Shanghai. I understand that he has spent most of his official career in the Far East, although he was employed for a period in the United States Consulate General in Paris.

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

CB:AR:NT

(SGD) LOTHIAN

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K. G.,
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