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July 9th, 1940.

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of a telegram containing a message for you from the Prime Minister regarding the appointment of the Duke of Windsor as Governor of the Bahamas. You will see from this telegram that the Prime Minister was particularly anxious that you should have advance information of this appointment. Most unfortunately the telegram containing the Prime Minister's ^{message} letter reached this Embassy about midday in a corrupt form, and it was necessary to ask the Foreign Office for a repetition. Before this repetition was received another telegram was received from London stating that owing

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The Honourable

Franklin D. Roosevelt,

FRHM:MAB

President of the United States of America,

Washington, D. C.

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to an unfortunate leakage it had been necessary to arrange for the appointment to be announced this evening by the British Broadcasting Company.

I am afraid therefore that circumstances have made it impossible to give you the advance notice desired.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

(SGD) LOTHIAN