THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON July 29, 1940 Personal My dear Lord Lothian: In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter . % of July 27, I am informed by the officials of the American Export Lines that the steamship Excalibur of that Line, which is due to leave Lisbon on August 1, would be scheduled to arrive in Bermuda on August 9, provided the passengers of whom we have spoken take passage on that ship. In accordance with our conversation on the telephone this morning, the agents of the Line in Lisbon are making every effort to see that the embarkation of the Duke and Duchess will not be delayed beyond August 1. Believe me very sincerely, His Excellency The Right Honorable The Marquess of Lothian, C.H., British Ambassador, Washington. Le. sur 1020, acinains.