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My Lord,

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With reference to my despatch No. 1160 of the 30th December, I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship a copy of an interesting article on the Lima Conference by Mr. Charles A. Thomson, published in the weekly bulletin of the Foreign Policy Association.

2. Mr. Thomson's conclusions, with which I find myself in agreement, are that "in positive achievements the Conference may be ranked as a failure - negatively it may claim to be a success; for at least it took no backward steps. At a time when general retreat characterizes the forces of peaceful cooperation and international understanding, it held ground previously won and kept the road open for further advance in the future."

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

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H.M. Chargé d'Affaires.

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K. G.,

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