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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship herewith the text of a speech by Mr. Cordell Hull, which was broadcast on the evening of February 12th as one of the series of world wide broadcasts now being given in connexion with the World's Fair.

2. The Secretary of State began his address by declaring that the first duty of the United States Government was to preserve peace, and that he was convinced that there were no international differences which could not be more profitably settled by peaceful means rather than by the use of force. At the same time Mr. Hull warned his hearers that however anxious the United States might be to remain at peace, other nations might not be of the same mind, and might be tempted to challenge or attack the vital interests of this country. As long as such a possibility existed it was the duty of the United States Government to take every step to see that the defences of this country were properly maintained.

3. The Secretary of State went on to say that the peaceful adjustment of differences between nations was impossible unless the nations observed certain rules "based on the principles of fairness, justice and tolerance" for the conduct of their

The Right Honourable

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The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,
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international relations. Finally he called attention to the vital part played by trade and commerce in the international relations, and emphasised the necessity of doing everything possible to stimulate the free exchange of goods and commodities between the different nations of the world.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(SOD) V.A. L. MALLET,

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires.