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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship the text of a lecture delivered to a large audience on March 6th by Mr. Adolf Berle, an Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. Berle's position in the State Department is rather curious; he resigned in the autumn but his resignation was not accepted, and he was asked to stay on and go to the Lima Conference as part of the Delegation. He still has a room in the Department but I believe he only goes there about once in ten days.

2. The lecture is on the theme of democracy and it contains nothing very new. Indeed I would not have troubled Your Lordship with it but for the fact that Part III gives Mr. Berle's account of the Lima Conference, for which he claims very definite success. In his opinion the Declaration of Lima provides for a method of consultation whereby a threat of penetration of the Caribbean area through German force or German intrigue could be met by working out common measures between the American Republics and the defense could then

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The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,

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be effected without the United States Government
having to threaten the sovereignty of any country
and without the United States incurring the
suspicion of masked imperialism.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(SGD) R. C. LINDSAY.