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WASHINGTON D.C.

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Sir,

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With reference to my note No.139 of the 7th April regarding the Convention concerning the exemption from taxation of liquid fuel and lubricants used in air traffic opened for signature in London on the 1st March last, I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform you, with particular reference to Article 9(2) of the Convention, that the Greek Minister in London, on signing the Convention on the 30th May, made the following reservation on behalf of the Greek Government:-

"The Royal Hellenic Government reserves to itself the right not to put into application in Greece the provisions of Article 2(1) (b)."

A note dated the 30th May was also received from the Greek Minister referring to the Greek Government's reservation and containing the following explanatory statement:-

"Foreign aircraft, travelling over Greek territory, are exempted from payment of all duties on the quantity of liquid fuel and lubricants, which are carried in the tanks of the aircraft, when entering Greek territory. As to the liquid fuel and lubricants that such craft may take on landing in Greece, payment of duties is required only on the quantity necessary for the flight over Greek territory, the surplus amount taken, in excess of its requirements for the Greek course, being exempted /

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exempted from all taxation.

"It is this taxation, reduced to the above-mentioned limits, on quantities of liquid fuel and lubricants taken by aircraft in Greek re-fuelling stations, that is affected by the reservation made to paragraph 2(1)(b) of the International Convention."

I have the honour to be,

with the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(SGD) R.C.LINDSAY.