Sir,

Under instructions from His Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to inform you that for some time past the Acting Administrative Officer at Canton Island has been receiving requests from the residents of the Island for supplies of Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony postage stamps. He has also received requests for the acceptance of ready-stamped envelopes and packets for postage but has been unable to comply as there is no British Post Office in the Island. This demand is likely to increase rather than to diminish and it is accordingly proposed to establish a branch of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Postal Service on Canton Island.

In bringing this proposal to the notice of the United States Government in virtue of the terms of Articles 2 and 3 of the Exchange of Notes of the 6th April 1939 I have been instructed to enquire whether the United States Government have any objection to this proposal.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Honourable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State of the United States, Washington, D. C.

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