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25. Malcedo

Excellency:

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of May 10, 1940 stating that in order to preclude the possibility of a German seizure of Iceland, the British Government landed a force in Iceland on the morning of May 10.

I am pleased to note that assurances have been given to the Icelandic Government that the British Government is acting solely to insure the security of Iceland against a German invasion and that the British forces will be withdrawn at the end of the war and that they will not interfere with the administration of the island.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

His Excellency  
The Right Honorable  
The Marquess of Lothian, C.H.,  
British Ambassador.

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