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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your note of June 4th in which you were so good as to inform me that the United States Government were prepared to assume the protection of British persons, property and interests in Italy should hostilities break out between the United Kingdom and Italy. I am at once informing His Majesty's Government of your reply and they will, I am sure, be deeply appreciative of the willingness of the United States Government to undertake this task.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,
(SGD) LOTHIAN

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