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Sir,

I have the honour under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to convey to you an expression of the most sincere appreciation of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom for the facilities so generously afforded for the evacuation of British women and children from Hong Kong to the Philippine His Majesty's Government are deeply Islands. grateful for all the assistance which has been given in this connexion not only by the Philippine Government but by the United States Army and also the Philippine Red Cross and their gratitude is shared by all those British subjects for whom so much was done.

I should be grateful if this expression of His Majesty's Government's gratitude could be

conveyed to all those concerned in the Philippine Islands.

> I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant, (SGD) LOTHIAN

FRHM:NT

The Honourable

Cordell Hull,

Secretary of State of the United States,

Washington, D. C.