August 5th, 1940

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose, as I promised, a note summarising an appreciation of Hitler's probable future strategy sent to the Prime Minister by General Smuts.

I also enclose a note of the proposals about landing grounds and naval facilities in British possessions off the East Coast of the United States which Mr. Churchill would agree to as one of the elements in the possible deal about destroyers.

It is important that no public statement should be made about this as His Majesty's Government have to make the necessary arrangements with the various Colonial Governments concerned.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Yours very sincerely,

The Right Honourable

Franklin D. Roosevelt,

President of the United States.