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From C. in C. A.W.I.

In view of presence of representatives of Bermuda committee in Washington following is brief reply to your letter of October 2nd. Full reply follows by post. Alternative air base site is approved by Governor and myself. Air base on Long Bird Island should cost no more or take longer than levelling of American selected base, and runways are longer. Local opinion against any base in south part of Island particularly against proposed "Polish Corridor" and LEASING of islands for magazines. Committee report does represent feeling of whole island and is very genuine. Local opinion favour east end of island but dislikes any land air base. If land air base abandoned, local opinion still wishes flying boat and naval base to be at east end but personally consider case (?not) too strong (?in comparison) and American desire for flying base in Great Sound hard to counter.

H.E.  
 Mr. Butler  
 Mr. Joseph Miller

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