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To Lord Lothian

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Addressed to Washington telegram 2625 of October 12th repeated to High Commissioner, Ottawa 2087, Governor of Newfoundland 826, C. in C., A.W.I. No. 8.

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Your telegram No. 2260.

Provided that there is no objection from point of view of United States law (see [? Newfoundland] telegram 651 and my immediately preceding telegram) His Majesty's Government would see no objection to American authorities beginning construction on work at Placentia. We are also ~~also~~ disposed to agree that if in any particular case complete agreement is reached between United States authorities, His Majesty's Government and Colonial Government as to [? disputed] sites preliminary construction work should be begun without awaiting experts discussions in London or conclusion of formal lease. [group undec.] assurance on this point cannot however be given without reference to Governor of Colonies concerned whose concurrence is being sought.

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