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From Foreign Office
To Lord Lothian
d. 3 a.m. October 14th 1940
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Addressed to Washington telegram No. 2626 of October 12th repeated to Governor of Newfoundland, telegram No. 827, High Commissioner at Ottawa telegram No. 2088.

Last part of Government of Newfoundland's telegram No. 651 of October 8th, repeated to you as No. 2.

Before we can consider suggestion of entering into a simple lease as a means of overcoming possible delay it is essential that we should have a sufficient idea as to form which U.S. Government desire settlement to take (vide 3rd para. subheading 2 of my telegram No. 2142 which still awaits an answer). We would also appreciate your own comments on suggestion. It must incidentally be recollected that in ^{Canada} ~~with [grp. under.]~~ Newfoundland we have as yet no final particulars as to location and extent of areas to be leased elsewhere and are reluctant to proceed to an arrangement in Newfoundland which would create a precedent which might be awkward.

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