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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1940

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My dear Mr. Butler:

The Navy Department has asked me to communicate to you the following request:

It is requested that the British Government approve the following metes and bounds for seaplane base as recommended by United States Board of Experts and which are satisfactory to local authorities in order that sufficient area may be leased from private owners immediately to undertake preliminary construction for accommodation of six seaplanes:

Starting at a point in Gros Islet Bay on the shoreline on the south bank of the river south of Gros Islet village, proceed five hundred feet due east; thence due south approximately three thousand feet to latitude fourteen degrees, four minutes, twenty-four seconds, north; thence approximately forty-three hundred feet due west to the shoreline; thence northerly along the shoreline to the point of beginning, the entire tract containing approximately one hundred twenty acres.

Approval of the above is desired immediately without consideration of terms of lease which will probably entail a delay in negotiation.

I shall greatly appreciate it if you will communicate with your Government in the sense requested by the Navy Department and inform me of the reply that you may receive.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

N. M. Butler, Esquire,
British Chargé d'Affaires
ad interim,
Washington.

