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November 28th 1940.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

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As you will no doubt be aware, on November 11th Mr. Butler who was then in charge of His Majesty's Embassy, wrote to the Secretary of the Navy to confirm on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and of the Commission of Government in Newfoundland, that it had been agreed that certain areas in Newfoundland should be leased to the United States Government to be used as bases under the agreement of September 2nd, 1940.

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Subsequent to the despatch of this letter Mr. Butler was informed by the Navy Department that the United States authorities were anxious to obtain certain facilities in an area additional to those mentioned in the schedule at the end of Mr. Butler's letter of November 11th.

The Honourable

Cordell Hull,

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Secretary of State of the United States,

Washington, D.C.

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in order to provide an intermediate landing place for short range aircraft between this country and Botwood, Newfoundland.

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Mr. Butler at once referred the matter to London and to Newfoundland and I have now been authorised to inform you that His Majesty's Government and the Commission of Government of Newfoundland gladly agree to this request. To place the matter on record I would therefore suggest that the schedule at the end of Mr. Butler's letter of November 11th should be amended by the addition of the following sentence:-

"(4) A staging point for land aircraft in the immediate vicinity of St. George's".

Believe me,

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Very sincerely yours,

Ed. LOTHIAN.