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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

December 4th, 1940.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to inform you that according to information received from the Naval Attaché to the Netherlands Legation, three United States naval pilots have left the United States for the Dutch East Indies to act as instructors to the Netherlands forces, and that a further eight pilots will be leaving shortly for the same purpose. Although they are naval pilots they are going as civilians. They expect to be stationed at Sourabaya for two years.

2. Captain Ranneft also stated that the Netherlands Government are purchasing a total of 300 aircraft from the United States, including 36 P.B.Y.s, and that they expect the delivery of the latter to start in June or possibly earlier.

3. I am sending copies of this despatch to the High Commissioners for the United Kingdom in the Commonwealth of Australia and in New Zealand, C/o the Dominions Office.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(For the Ambassador)

(SGD) H. M. BUTLER

The Right Honourable
The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,
etc., etc., etc.,