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Dear Mr. Butler:

I enclose in triplicate draft leases covering the proposed United States bases in Bermuda, Jamaica, Antigua, St. Lucia, and British Guiana. It will be noted that no draft leases are included for Trinidad and the Bahamas; these matters will be dealt with later. Mr. Welles handed the Ambassador a draft lease for the bases in Newfoundland some weeks ago.

You will understand that as stipulated in these drafts, the final lease will include an exact description of the metes and bounds as determined by actual survey; and each lease will have attached to and made a part of it a map showing the exact areas covered by the lease. In order to expedite matters, however, it seems to me that it would be desirable for our Governments to proceed with a consideration of these leases at the earliest practicable date. We shall, therefore, be glad to receive the comments of your Government on each of these drafts and to discuss them with representatives of your Embassy.

Sincerely yours,

James Clement Dunn
Adviser on Political Relations

Enclosures:

Draft leases