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Bermuda: Dec. 16

December 14th, 1940.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

On November 27th the House of Assembly in Bermuda sent a message to the Governor of the Colony regarding various matters connected with the establishment of the United States naval base in the Island. The last paragraph of this message ran as follows:-

"The House also requests that Your Excellency will be pleased to inform the President of the United States of America that this Colony is proud of being associated with the peoples of the United States of America in the joint defence of democracy, and sincerely trusts that

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The Honourable
Cordell Hull,
Secretary of State of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

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the establishment of an Air and
Naval Base in these Islands will
strengthen the ties of friendship
now existing between the peoples
of the United States of America and
the British Empire".

Under instructions from His
Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs I venture to ask you to be
good enough to convey this message from the
House of Assembly of Bermuda to the President.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Very sincerely yours,

(SGD) H. M. BUTLER