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TRINIDAD



29th December, 1940.

*See app to 18/13/40
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Sir,*

I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of a Despatch which I have addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the United States bases in Trinidad, with enclosures. The Despatch contains an account which I have written from my notes and from memory of the interview which took place in the Embassy on the 6th December, and of which I understand that no record has hitherto been made. You will see from Paragraph 8 of the Despatch that no claim is made that this report is exhaustive, but I hope that those present at the meeting will agree that it is substantially accurate and covers all the important points raised at the meeting.

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2. I should be grateful if I might be furnished in due course with a copy of the recommendations made by the Greenslade Mission to the President, to which reference is made in Paragraph 8 of the Despatch, and also with a copy of Paragraph 17 of my Despatch of the 3rd December as edited and forwarded to the State Department in accordance with your telegram No.32 of the 13th December. I suggest that it might be convenient if copies of these documents were also sent to London for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and also to the Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station.

*in Registry:
to be forwarded:*

3. I should be much obliged if you would be kind enough to arrange for the two enclosed covers, addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station to be forwarded to their respective destinations by safe hand at the earliest opportunity.

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4. I take this opportunity of returning a map which I regret that I inadvertently took away with me after the meeting and which was enclosed with one of the copies of my Despatch of the 3rd December to the late Lord Lothian.

5. I have sent a copy of this Despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Hubert Young
Governor.

The British Chargé d'Affaires,
Washington,
D.C., U.S.A.