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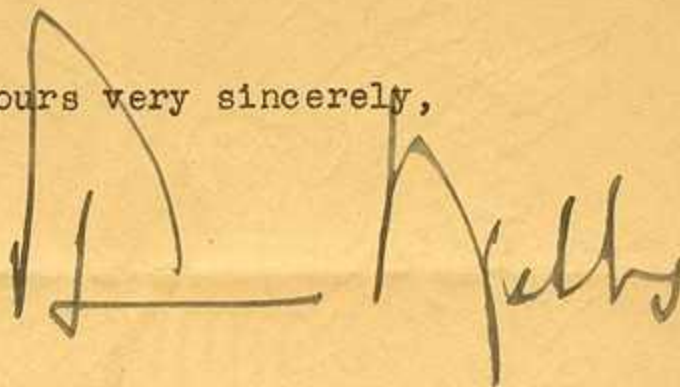
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My dear Lord Halifax:

I am enclosing herewith for your information
a paraphrase of a message received here today for
the President from the Prime Minister.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,



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His Excellency

The Right Honorable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,

British Ambassador.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

FROM: American Embassy, London.
TO: Secretary of State, Washington.
DATED: July 25, 1941.

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The message from you concerning the tank programme was most gratefully received. We are very happy to have, in the critical months ahead, this addition to our tank resources. Our plan ought to be to enlarge the production of medium tanks, even though curtailing the production of light tanks, under the longer term policy, since our experience proves that modern battle requires vehicles of the more heavily armed and armoured type. However, your own air programme should not be hampered by this action.

Second. Your suggestion regarding the training in the United States of men for our tank corps interests me very much. It is being examined here and as soon as we can we will advise you of our views.

Third. Our war plans for the fighting of 1943 as well as for the fighting of 1942 have been receiving our consideration here. It is necessary, after making provision for the security of essential bases, to plan the forces required for victory on the largest scale. The intensification of propaganda and blockade must, in broad

outline, be our first aim. We must then subject Italy and Germany to bombardment from the air of ceaseless and ever growing intensity. An internal collapse or convulsion may occur as a result of these measures. Plans should also be formulated however for aiding the peoples conquered, when the correct time arrives, by means of landing armies of liberation. It will be essential for this purpose to have large quantities of tanks as well as of ships able to transport them and land them direct upon beaches. The required adaptation of some of the immense quantities of merchant ships being constructed by you in order to fit them for fast ships capable of landing tanks should not be difficult for you.

Fourth. We ought not lose any time at all, if you agree with this broad conception of bringing Germany to submission, in:

(A) agreeing to an appraisal of our joint requirements of primary war matériel; e.g., tanks, aircraft, and so on.

(B) considering therefore in what manner such requirements may be met by the production of our two countries.

Fifth. My suggestion is that meanwhile our combined staffs in London should as soon as possible begin working on (A), and that (B) should be proceeded with thereafter by our technical experts.