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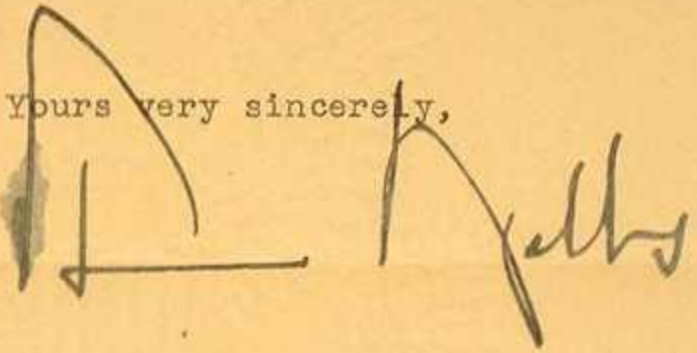
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My dear Lord Halifax:

I am transmitting herewith for your confidential information a secret message which the President sent to Mr. Churchill under date of November 25, as well as a copy of a message which the Prime Minister sent to the President on November 26.

*Entered on
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Believe me

Yours very sincerely,


Enclosures.

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Viscount Halifax,
British Ambassador.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

TO: The American Embassy, London

DATED: November 25, 1941.

As my personal representative, I am asking Bill Bullitt, my old friend, to visit Libya and the Middle East (because the operations in that area are becoming increasingly important) in order to render whatever help to your problems of supply, et cetera, he can. Around the first of next month he will depart on the Clipper, traveling over the southern route. Please let me know if in that area there is anyone from whom my representative could obtain opinions for you. Also please let me know if you know of any particular problem to which he should give special attention. If you would be good enough to ask your authorities there, both military and civilian, to see that my representative receives such information as they and you think proper, I would be grateful. The progress of the Libyan advance affords me much happiness, and it is having excellent repercussions in the United States. Through agreement on arbitration, as you know, the coal miners are back at work. In the next week I hope to settle the proposed railroad strike by mediation.