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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1941

PERSONAL AND SECRET

My dear Lord Halifax:

I am transmitting herewith for your confidential information a secret message which the President sent to the Prime Minister under date of December 8.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

Enc.

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Sir R. Canby Ball

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

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: American Embassy, London

DATED: December 8, 1941

Today the all-out declaration of war was passed by the House by a vote of three hundred and eighty-eight to one and by the Senate by a vote of eighty-two to nothing. All of us are today in the same boat with you and the people of the Empire and there will not and cannot be a sinking of that ship.