My dear Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of December 11.

I am grateful for the information contained therein. Your Embassy has undoubtedly by now been informed of the contents of Ambassador Leahy’s report of his conversation of yesterday with Marshal Pétain and Admiral Darlan. We are doing everything we can to keep in close touch with the situation both in Vichy and in Madrid.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

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