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BRITISH EMBASSY,
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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No. 435

My Lord,

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With reference to my telegram No. 145 of the 3rd April regarding the recognition by the United States Government of General Franco's régime, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the State Department have announced that they have agreed to recognise as Spanish Chargé d'Affaires Don Juan de Cardenas, until recently General Franco's agent in New York. Senor de Cardenas was Spanish Ambassador in Washington from March, 1932 till April, 1934, when he was promoted to the Embassy in Paris (see my *Handwritten:* 105/13/34 despatch No. 600 of the 18th May, 1934 and the annual report for 1934 on heads of missions in Washington).

2. The new Chargé d'Affaires has taken over the Spanish Embassy from the hands of the Colombian Ambassador into whose charge the former Spanish Ambassador, Don Fernando de Los Rios, had entrusted it. It is understood that Senor de Los Rios intends to remain in this country and to follow his former career as university professor.

3. It is reported in today's press

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The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,

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that Mr. Alexander W. Weddell, since 1933 United States Ambassador to the Argentine, has been chosen to be United States Ambassador to Spain in the place of Mr. Claude G. Bowers, and that the President will shortly seek Senate approval for his nomination. No suggestion is made as to who Mr. Weddell's successor might be at Buenos Aires. It is assumed that when Mr. Weddell's nomination is officially announced, Senor de Cardenas' appointment as Ambassador will be announced at the same time.

4. Meanwhile the State Department have announced that Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, First Secretary to the American Embassy in Paris, has been sent to Burgos as United States Chargé d'Affaires.

5. I am sending a copy of this despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador at Buenos Aires.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

(SGD) R. C. LINDSAY