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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship herewith the text of a statement issued to the Press on September 7th by the Secretary of State in which he expresses the thanks of the United States Government to all those concerned in the rescue of the American survivors of the S.S. "Athenia". You will note that the Royal Havy and the officials and private persons in Scotland involved are specifically mentioned.

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

> > (BGD) LOTHIAN,

The Right Honourable

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