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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the text of an address delivered by radio to the "New York Herald Tribune" Forum on the 28th October by the King of the Belgians.

2. His Majesty's speech stresses the Belgian people's attachment to liberty and peace, but also asserts their whole-hearted determination to defend their independence should their neutrality be violated.

3. I am sending a copy of this despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador at Brussels.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd) LOTHIAN

FRHM:ACEM:NT

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K. G.,

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