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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

December 22nd, 1939

No. 1444

My Lord,

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With reference to my telegram No. 939 of December 20th I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship herewith a copy of the note received from the Secretary of State in reply to the note which I addressed to him on November 9th stating that His Majesty's Government felt obliged to reserve their rights to exercise their belligerents rights in respect of United States vessels and require them if necessary to put into a contraband control base even though under the American neutrality legislation they might be forbidden to visit such ports.

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2. I also enclose for convenience of reference a copy of my note of September 10th to which Mr. Cordell Hull refers and in which I informed him of the establishment of contraband control bases at Weymouth, Ramsgate, Kirkwall, Gibraltar, and Haifa. This note follows the lines of the draft set out in Appendix E on page 63 of the War Instructions "A".

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I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(SGD) LOTHIAN

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The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,

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