Funds (bi) in U.S. Banks 542/140.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1. 18th January, 1940.



My Lord Marquess,

I transmit to Your Lordship herewith copy of a letter from the Treasury Solicitor, dated January 13th, regarding funds belonging to His Majesty's Government which have been deposited in banks in the country in which you reside, and the possible danger of these funds being attached in proceedings brought in a neutral country.

- 2. I shall be glad if you will make enquiries of your legal adviser with a view to ascertaining the reply which should be returned to the questions raised in the Treasury Solicitor's letter.
- 3. I should be glad to receive a reply by telegraph to these enquiries.
- 4. A copy of this despatch has been sent to His Majesty's Representatives at The Hague, Brussels, Berne, Stockholm, Oslo, Budapest and Buenos Aires.

I am, with great truth and respect,

My Lord Marquess,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

Nigel Amard

His Excellency

The Most Honourable

The Marquess of Lothian, C.H.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Washington.