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My Lord,

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With reference to correspondence ending with Sir Gerald Campbell's despatch No. 55 of the 15th February to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, regarding the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Waterway scheme, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that in response to a request from Representative Kilburn of New York, Mr. Cordell Hull has given in writing the State Department's opinion that "the conclusion of a treaty with Canada for the development of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Basin project would not affect in any way the complete neutrality of the United States".  
2. I am sending a copy of this despatch to the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom at Ottawa.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

(SGD) LOTHIAN

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K. G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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