

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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My dear Mr. Butler:

In one of our recent conversations you inquired what the views of this Government might be as to the form of the final leases to be agreed upon between our two Governments for the bases acquired by the United States in certain of the British colonies in the Western Hemisphere.

I transmitted your inquiry to the Navy Department and I am today informed that the Navy Department believes that there should be a separate lease for each one of the eight bases as there are slightly varying conditions at each place. However, many of the clauses, as for example the court jurisdiction clause, would undoubtedly be identical in each lease.

I believe this provides the information you desired.

Believe me

Sincerely yours,

Mr. N. M. Butler, C. V. O.,  
British Chargé d'Affaires,  
Washington, D.C.