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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship the accompanying article by Mr. Walter Lippmann which appeared in his syndicated column this morning.

Mr. Lippmann's estimate of public opinion on foreign affairs formed after a journey through the country is that the public is no longer neutral in thought and that a spectacular act of violence in Europe by the dictators would cause an explosion of feeling here. On the other hand "another Munich will cause another return to isolationism and the European democracies "may expect assistance only insofar as they first show that they help themselves".

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(SOL) R.C. LINDSAY.

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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P.S. I am sending a copy of this despatch to the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada.