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My Lord,

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I have the honour to inform Your Lordship, with reference to my despatch No. 287 of March 10th, that the emergency bill authorising the expenditure of \$358,000,000 on the Army was finally approved by both Houses of Congress on March 22nd. The bill in its final form fixed the limit to which the total number of military aircraft might be expanded at the figure of 6000. This was the limit suggested by the Senate, whereas the House had declined to approve the raising of the limit beyond 5500.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(SGD) R. C. LINDSAY

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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