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My Lord,

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With reference to telegraphic correspondence about the Pacific Islands ending with your telegram No. 157 of April 3rd, I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of a communication which has been handed to the State Department.

Your Lordship may well think that this document has been drafted in a rather peculiar form. The reason for this is that the question of Pacific Islands has attracted the personal attention of the President and important points in connexion with it are, I believe, always submitted to him. Mr. Roosevelt is always made impatient by the elaborate phraseologies which normally characterise official communications, and I have thought it wise in the present case to reduce them to a minimum.

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., RCL:MS

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