

BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

July 3rd, 1940.

No. 305.

Sir,

On instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to inform you that should it, contrary to Lord Halifax's hopes, be necessary to withdraw His Majesty's Consuls from French North African territories, it is the hope of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom that the United States Government would be prepared to take over the protection of British interests in these territories.

The Consular posts in question are:-

Algeria.

Algiers
Bougie
Oran
Bone

Morocco.

Casablanca
Mazagan
Marrakesh
Saffi
Rabat
Fez

Tunisia.

Tunis
Sfax
Susa
Kairouan

Should the above request be agreeable to the United States Government, His Majesty's Government

NB:FRHM:ACEM:NT would/

The Honourable

Cordell Hull,

Secretary of State of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

would be grateful if provisional arrangements might be made in case such a necessity should arise.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(SGD) LOTHIAN