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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1940

Sir:

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I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note no. 304 of July 2, 1940 inquiring whether the Government of the United States would be willing, if Spain and Portugal should become involved in hostilities, to undertake the protection of persons, property and interests for which the British representatives in those countries are normally responsible, whether the American mission remains at the capital or evacuates it in order to accompany the government to which it is accredited.

I am happy to assure you that the Government of the United States is willing to undertake the protection of British interests in Spain and Portugal should the contingencies referred to arise. Every effort will be made

The Right Honorable

The Marquess of Lothian, C.H.,

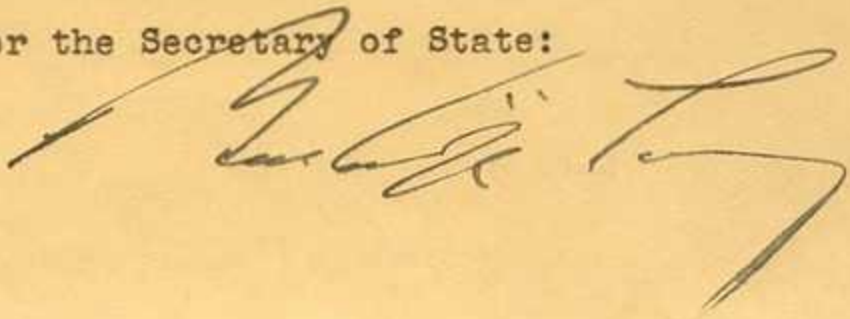
British Ambassador.

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made to extend to British persons, property and interests such protection as may be possible within the limitations of and subject to the reservations imposed by the conditions of modern warfare.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:



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