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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

My dear Lord Lothian:

To complete its collection of maps of the Caribbean area, the War Department urgently desires to take aerial photographs of the central group of the Lesser Antilles.

I suppose we must refer this home.

To that end the War Department has requested me to

T/Pr. rel. herewith, but Service Attache'

inquire informally whether there is any objection on the

part of the authorities of your Government to photographic

flights of United States Army airplanes over St. Lucia

fin.

and its vicinity.

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I should

His Excellency

The Right Honorable

The Marquess of Lothian, C. H.,

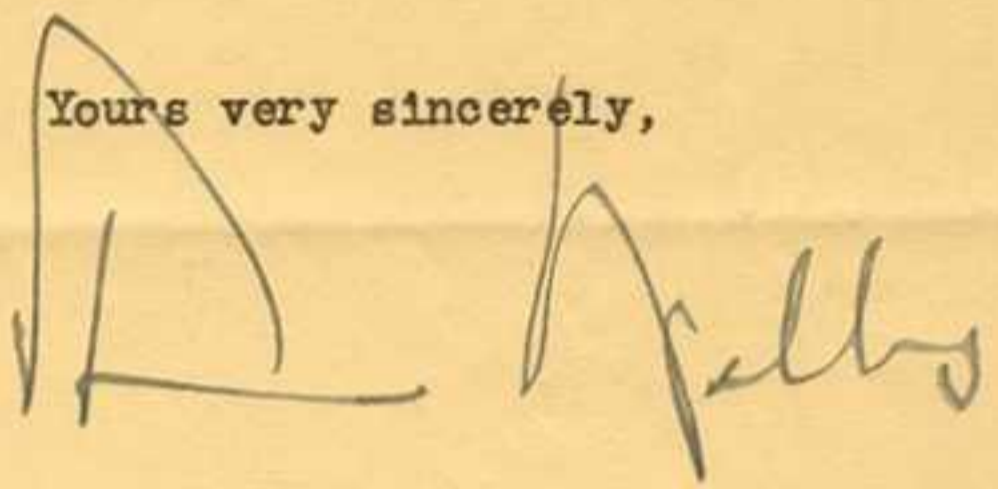
British Ambassador.



I should be grateful for an indication from you whether the appropriate authorities of your Government are disposed to grant the desired permission, and if so, whether the flights may be undertaken in the immediate future. The Department will, of course, inform the Embassy in ample time of the date on which the flights are to take place.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. H. H. H.', written in a cursive style.