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19th December, 1940.

Dear Mr. Under Secretary,

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With reference to your letter of December 16th regarding the extension to certain other British possessions of the permission granted to the War Department to take aerial photographs of the central group of the Lesser Antilles, I write to say that the original enquiry contained in your letter of October 28th was forwarded to London by an air bag which was leaving just at that time. Unfortunately we learnt but only some considerable time afterwards that this bag had been held up owing to bad weather. We thereupon immediately telegraphed to London, but have not so far received a reply from the Foreign Office.

We have now telegraphed again and hope that it will not be long before the reply to the War Department's request is received. I must however apologise for the delay which has taken place in dealing with the matter and hope that you will understand how it occurred.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. Under Secretary,

Yours very sincerely,

(SGD.) N.M. BUTLER

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