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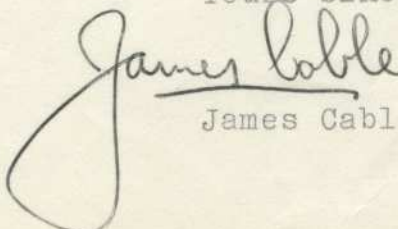
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Your Excellency,

I am at present doing some research into British naval activities off Bilbao in April and May 1937. I have already studied most of the British documents in the Public Record Office and have talked to some of the British diplomats and naval officers who were involved in these events at the time. It would be of the greatest possible assistance if I could now obtain a non-British point of view and both Mr. Malcolm, who was then in the British Embassy at Hendaye, and Miss Stevenson, the daughter of the then British Consul at Bilbao, have suggested to me that you would be especially well qualified to advise me.

I should accordingly be most grateful if you would allow me to call on you and to put to you a few questions concerning the events of April and May 1937 insofar as these concerned British naval activities.

Yours sincerely,


James Cable.