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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1940,

Dear Mr. King:

Your very cordial letter concerning the manner and condition in which our destroyers have been turned over to Canada and the United Kingdom has given me great pleasure.

I shall be happy indeed to have conveyed to the responsible officers the sentiments you have so graciously expressed.

On their behalf and that of the United States Navy please accept my sincere thanks.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Rt. Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa, Canada.