April 7, 1942

My dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing for your information a secret message I have received today from General Sikorski through the Polish Ambassador in Washington.

I am sending a copy of this message to Secretary Stimson with the request that he let me know what reply I may make to the request contained in the last paragraph of the message from General Sikorski.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

Sumner Welles

Enclosure.

The President,

The White House.
MOST SECRET

Before leaving Canada for England, General Sikorski sent me the following very secret information, received by me on April 5, requesting me to communicate it to Secretary Sumner Welles:

"During the stay of General Sikorski in Washington the Polish Military Authorities carried through three secret flights into Poland. In the course of these flights 18 specialists for diversion work and sabotage were landed, one million dollars in gold and paper currency, half a million German marks and considerable quantities of diversion material. Several more flights are contemplated. The British Authorities have been most efficiently helpful. These flights will have to be abandoned in the end of April on account of the short nights.

The Evacuation of the Polish troops from Soviet Russia is progressing rapidly. The first transports of soldiers are already in Iran. The evacuation of the civilians, of women and children is causing great difficulty. The number of the latter evacuees reaches some 10,000 at present.

In view of the above mentioned facts, General Sikorski would be grateful for the favorable decision concerning the granting to the Polish High Command of the 6 (six) long distance bombing planes which he asked for and for the speeding up of the credits so urgently needed to carry on the secret work in Poland and the aid to the civilians, women and children being evacuated from Russia.

J. Giechanowski

Washington, Polish Embassy, April 6, 1942.