

## MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR AREAS UNDER OCCUPATION OR CONTROL

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*The American Ambassador to the Chief of the Military Government  
of the French Zone of Occupation of Germany*

PARIS, July 9, 1948

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the conversations which have recently taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and of the French Commander-in-Chief in Germany relating to the territorial application of commercial arrangements between the United States of America and the French Zone of Occupation of Germany and to confirm the understanding reached as a result of these conversations as follows:

1. The United States of America and the French Zone of Occupation of Germany shall each accord to the merchandise trade of the other, immediately and unconditionally, treatment no less favorable than that accorded to the merchandise trade of any third country, provided that departures from the application of such most-favored-nation treatment shall be permitted to the extent that they are in accord with the exceptions recognized in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, dated October 30, 1947,<sup>1</sup> as now or hereafter amended. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to require compliance with the procedures specified in the General Agreement with regard to the application of such exceptions.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply, with respect to the United States of America, to all territory under the sovereignty or authority of the United States of America. Moreover, with regard to any area in Western Germany, the Free Territory of Trieste, Japan, or Southern Korea in the

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<sup>1</sup> TIAS 1700, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 641.