

APPORTIONING OF SUPPLIES OF AFRICAN ASBESTOS

*Exchange of notes at London April 30, 1943, with memorandum of
understanding signed January 6, 1943*

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The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

30th April, 1943

No. U 954/301/71

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

On the 6th January negotiations between the Ministry of Supply of the United Kingdom and the Board of Economic Warfare and the Metals Reserve Company of the United States relative to the apportioning of supplies of African asbestos were brought to a conclusion by the signing on their behalf of a Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency herewith.

2. In response to the desire which I understand is shared by the Government of the United States of America, that the arrangement should be formally adopted by the two Governments, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland approve of the principles contained in the Memorandum of Understanding annexed hereto and are willing to give effect to the provisions thereof, subject only to the understanding that the expression "cessation of hostilities" in Article II [11] of the annexed Memorandum means the date of the signing of the latest general armistice suspending general hostilities between the United Kingdom and the United States of America on the one hand and any of the Powers with which they are now at war on the other, or such later date as may be agreed between the two contracting Governments.

3. If the Government of the United States are likewise prepared to give effect to this arrangement on these terms, the present note and your reply

¹ Nine months after armistice with Japan (see art. 11).