

## LEND-LEASE <sup>1</sup>

*Exchange of notes at Washington November 8, 1945, relating to article  
VII of agreement of February 28, 1945  
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*The French Chargé d'Affaires to the Secretary of State*

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF FRANCE  
IN THE UNITED STATES  
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WASHINGTON, *November 8, 1945*

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

With reference to our recent conversations relative to Article VII of the Master Lend-Lease Agreement entered into between the Government of the United States and the Provisional Government of the French Republic and signed on February 28, 1945,<sup>2</sup> I have the honor to make the following statement to you in the name of my Government:

(1) With a view to ensuring greater production, exchange and consumption of products and the full employment of labor, the Government of the United States and the Provisional Government of the French Republic undertake by the terms of the present declaration to open negotiations in the very near future with a view to reaching an agreement between themselves and with the countries which are of a like disposition in regard to the mutually advantageous measures which would lower customs tariffs and other barriers to international trade and would eliminate all discriminatory treatment in international trade, payments and investments.

(2) While awaiting the outcome of the negotiations contemplated in the preceding paragraph, the Government of the United States and the Provisional Government of the French Republic declare that their policy consists in avoiding the adoption of new measures on a long-term basis pertaining to international trade, payments and foreign investments which would be contrary to the objective of the negotiations in question, account being taken

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<sup>1</sup> See also lend-lease settlement agreements of May 28, 1946 (TIAS 1928, *post*, p. 1126); Feb. 27, 1948 (TIAS 1930, *post*, p. 1245); Mar. 14, 1949 (TIAS 1935 and 1936, *post*, pp. 1300 and 1304); and Jan. 30, 1958 (9 UST 67; TIAS 3979).

<sup>2</sup> EAS 455, *ante*, p. 1075.