

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

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*The Australian Minister to the Secretary of State*

AUSTRALIAN LEGATION,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*September 3rd, 1942*

SIR,

As contracting parties to the United Nations Declaration of January 1, 1942,<sup>2</sup> the Governments of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Australia pledged themselves to employ their full resources, military and economic, against those nations with which they are at war.

With regard to the arrangements for mutual aid between our two governments, I refer to the agreement signed at Washington on February 23, 1942,<sup>3</sup> between the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom on principles applying to mutual aid in the present war authorised and provided for by the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941<sup>4</sup> and have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia accepts the principles therein contained as governing the provision of mutual aid between itself and the Government of the United States of America.

It is the understanding of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia that the general principle to be followed in providing such aid is that the war production and war resources of both nations should be used by the armed forces of each, in the ways which most effectively utilize available materials, manpower, production facilities and shipping space.

I now set forth the understanding of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia of the principles and procedure applicable to the pro-

<sup>1</sup> See also lend-lease settlement agreements of June 7, 1946 (TIAS 1528, *post*, p. 164), July 9 and Aug. 25, 1952 (5 UST 650; TIAS 2954); and Sept. 13 and Oct. 2, 1956 (reported in 38th Report to Congress on Lend-Lease Operations, p. 8).

<sup>2</sup> EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

<sup>3</sup> EAS 241, *post*, UNITED KINGDOM.

<sup>4</sup> 55 Stat. 31.