

EXPORTS OF COAL FROM WESTERN ZONES OF GERMANY

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The Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

DELEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

[Moscow]

April 19th, 1947

DEAR MONSIEUR BIDAULT,

In agreement with the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs¹ I send you herewith the proposals for a sliding scale for coal exports from the three Western Zones as at present constituted which have been prepared as a result of conversations which have taken place during the past few days between your representatives and those of Mr. Bevin and myself.

In my conversation with the President of the Republic, M. Auriol, I gave him assurance of the desire of my Government to make every effort to assist France in meeting her requirements for coal. We have now made the fullest efforts possible to meet the requirements for coal of France and the countries represented in the European Coal Organization, bearing in mind the necessity for rehabilitating the peaceful industries of Germany with the object of bringing the German economy into balance as quickly as possible in accordance with the American and British programs.

I hope to learn that you accept the proposals made at the production levels shown in the sliding scale. It is the intention that the percentages of the sliding scale shall apply for the second half of 1947. At the end of the year

¹ For similar exchange of notes between the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, see British Treaty Series No. 53 (1947).