

## CLAIMS: U.S. OBLIGATIONS IN REQUISITIONING OF FINNISH VESSELS

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*The Secretary of State to the Finnish Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON  
*November 1, 1949*

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to previous correspondence, and also to oral discussions between officials of your Government and the Government of the United States concerning claims asserted by your Government for compensation for the taking of the vessels, Aagot, Advance, Anja, Asta, Atlas II, Aurora, Delaware, Koura, Kurikka, Kuurtanes, Marisa Thorden, Olivia, Pandia, Saimaa, and Wipunen.

On behalf of the United States Government, I wish to offer to your Government, in full satisfaction of obligations of the United States incident to the requisitioning, or use, of the aforementioned vessels, the sum of \$5,500,000 together with interest thereon at 4 per cent per annum from June 30, 1949 to the date of this note. This offer is made with the understanding that all claims for and against the United States in connection with this matter are extinguished, and with the further understanding that the Finnish Government will hold the Government of the United States harmless against any and all claims of any nature or source whatsoever arising out of the requisitioning, or use, or in any wise relating to the requisitioning or use, of the aforementioned vessels. Payment will be made to the Finnish Government when it shall have secured the dismissal with prejudice of the suits for compensation for the aforementioned vessels filed with the United States Court of Claims.