

RELIEF ASSISTANCE

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the United States of America to provide relief assistance to the Chinese people to prevent suffering and to permit them to continue effectively their efforts toward recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Government has requested the United States Government for relief assistance and has presented information which convinces the Government of the United States that the Chinese Government urgently needs assistance in obtaining the basic essentials of life for the people of China; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has by Public Law 84, 80th Congress, May 31, 1947,¹ authorized the provision of relief assistance to the people of those countries which, in the determination of the President, need such assistance and have given satisfactory assurance covering the relief program as required by the Act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government and the Chinese Government desire to define certain conditions and understandings concerning the handling and distribution of the United States relief supplies and to establish the general lines of their cooperation in meeting the relief needs of the Chinese people;

The Government of the United States of America represented by Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart and the Government of the Republic of China represented by Dr. Liu Shih Shun, Political Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in charge of the Ministry, have agreed as follows:

¹ 61 Stat. 125.