

WAR GRAVES

Exchange of notes at Washington December 18, 1947, and January 21, 1948, amending agreement of September 13 and 24, 1946
Entered into force January 21, 1948
*Amended by agreement of March 24 and April 19, 1948*¹

62 Stat. 1889; Treaties and Other
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The Italian Embassy to the Department of State

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The Italian Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to bring to the Department's attention a new provision adopted by the Italian Government with regard to American war cemeteries.

As known to the Department of State, article 3 [III] of the agreement reached through an exchange of notes in September 1946² at Rome, between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United States Embassy, provides that "if in the future the Government of the United States wishes to establish permanent cemeteries or erect memorials in Italy, the Italian Government will exercise its power of Eminent Domain to acquire title to such sites and grant to the United States the right of use therein in perpetuity upon payment by the United States of cost compensation therefore".

Upon instructions received, the Italian Embassy has the honor to inform the Department of State that the Italian Government, wishing to give a token of friendship to the Government and people of the United States, has now decided to grant the American Government the free use of the sites selected for the establishment of war cemeteries.

It would have been the sincere desire of the Italian Government to proceed to a veritable donation of the land involved, but it was not possible to reach such a solution because not consented by existing regulations. On the other hand the advantages that the American Government will draw from such a free cession will be practically the same as those deriving from a

¹ TIAS 1743, *post*, p. 304.

² TIAS 1713, *ante*, p. 194.