

# MUTUAL INTERESTS IN CHINA (CANCELLATION OF LANSING-ISHII AGREEMENT)

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*The Secretary of State to the Japanese Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, April 14, 1923*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to communicate to Your Excellency my understanding of the views developed by the discussions which I have recently had with your Embassy in reference to the status of the Lansing-Ishii Exchange of Notes of November 2, 1917.<sup>1</sup>

The discussions between the two Governments have disclosed an identity of view and, in the light of the understandings arrived at by the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament,<sup>2</sup> the American and Japanese Governments are agreed to consider the Lansing-Ishii correspondence of November 2, 1917, as cancelled and of no further force or effect.

I shall be glad to have your confirmation of the accord thus reached.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CHARLES E. HUGHES

His Excellency Mr. MASANAO HANIHARA,  
*Japanese Ambassador.*

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*The Japanese Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

JAPANESE EMBASSY  
*Washington, April 14, 1923*

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date, communicating to me your understanding of the views developed by the dis-

<sup>1</sup> TS 630, *ante*, p. 425.

<sup>2</sup> For agreements concluded at the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament, Nov. 12, 1921-Feb. 6, 1922, see *ante*, vol. 2, pp. 329-386.