

RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Agreement and exchange of notes signed at Rome July 4, 1947

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING ASSIST- ANCE TO ITALY UNDER THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELIEF PROGRAM

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

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

Whereas, the United States Congress has by Public Law 84, Eightieth 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 assurances covering the relief program as required by the Act of Congress; and

Whereas, the Italian Government and the United States 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 Italian people,

The Government of the United States of America represented by

James Clement DUNN, *Ambassador of the United States of America to Italy*

and the Italian Government represented by

Alcide DE GASPERI, *President of the Council of Ministers*

Carlo SFORZA, *Minister for Foreign Affairs*

have agreed as follows:

¹ 61 Stat. 125.