

## WAR GRAVES

*Exchange of notes at The Hague April 11, 1947*

*Entered into force April 11, 1947*

*Amended by agreement of November 17, 1950, and January 2, February 1, and March 2, 1951<sup>1</sup>*

*Extended by agreement of January 14 and August 29, 1955, and March 9, 1956<sup>2</sup>*

*Terminated November 18, 1970, by agreement of May 4, 1970<sup>3</sup>*

61 Stat. 4037; Treaties and Other  
International Acts Series 1777

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister  
of Foreign Affairs*

No. 705

THE HAGUE, April 11, 1947

### EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to my note No. 688, of March 26, 1947, in which I informed Your Excellency that the Department of State had authorized the Embassy to effect an exchange of notes with Your Excellency concerning American War Graves in the Netherlands and in its Overseas Territories.

The plan presented by the American Graves Registration Command, including the "major concessions" desired, in connection with American War Graves in the Netherlands and the Netherlands Overseas Territories, is as follows:

#### "1. The Plan Presented:

1. It is the declared policy of the Government of the United States of America, upon application by the next of kin, to return to the Homeland for interment at places designated by the next of kin, or in national cemeteries, the remains of persons who died on or after September 3, 1939, and are buried outside the continental limits of the United States, and who were:

- a. Members of the armed forces of the United States who died in the service.
- b. Civilian officers and employees of the United States.

<sup>1</sup> 149 UNTS 426.

<sup>2</sup> 8 UST 377; TIAS 3786.

<sup>3</sup> 21 UST 2416; TIAS 6978.