

LEND-LEASE: AID TO U.S. ARMED FORCES ¹

*Exchanges of notes at Washington April 30, 1945, supplementing
agreement of July 8, 1942*

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The Netherlands Minister to the Acting Secretary of State

WASHINGTON, April 30th, 1945

SIR,

In the United Nations declaration of January 1, 1942,² the contracting governments pledged themselves to employ their full resources, military and economic, against those nations with which they are at war; and in the Agreement of July 8, 1942³ between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the Principles Applying to Mutual Aid in the Prosecution of the War Against Aggression each contracting government undertook to provide the other with such articles, services, facilities or information useful in the prosecution of their common war undertaking as it might be in a position to supply. It is the understanding of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that the general principle to be followed in providing mutual aid as set forth in the said Agreement of July 8, 1942 is that the war production and the war resources of both nations should be used by each in ways which most effectively utilize the available materials, manpower, production facilities and shipping space.

With a view, therefore, to supplementing the Agreement of July 8, 1942, I have the honor to set forth below the understanding of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands of the principles and procedures applicable to the provision of aid by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the armed forces of the United States and in the manner in which such aid will be correlated with the maintenance of such forces by the United States Government.

¹ See also lend-lease settlement agreements of May 28, 1947 (TIAS 1750, *post*, p. 188), and June 1 and 8, 1950 (1 UST 638; TIAS 2119).

² EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

³ EAS 259, *ante*, p. 142.