

LEND-LEASE SETTLEMENT

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The South African Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

LEGATION OF THE
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
WASHINGTON, D.C.
17th April, 1945

SIR,

With reference to the memorandum dated May 8th from the State Department and recent discussions between representatives of the Union of South Africa and those of the State Department and the Foreign Economic Administration concerning the proposal that all forms of mutual aid provided by either the Government of the Union of South Africa or of the United States to the other should be financed by cash payments as from February 15, 1944, I am directed to inform you that the Union Government agrees to the application of such a cash basis in its relations with the United States Government.

(2) The Union Government is accordingly prepared to accept liability for all combat material, aircraft and other goods shipped on and after 15th February, 1944, and supplied direct by the Government of the United States, or by means of retransfer from other Governments, on orders placed by the Union Government. This would include equipment for coastal defence undertaken by the Union Government in agreement with the Government of the United Kingdom, but would not include the provisions of aircraft and equipment for the Flying Boat Squadron No. 262 at present based on Durban, which is, by agreement with the United Kingdom, a liability of the latter government, in so far as the procurement of aircraft, spares and related equipment is concerned.

(3) The basis of the foregoing proposal is that liability for goods supplied should follow the authority responsible for the issue of the order of procurement. The Union Government would, therefore, be liable solely for goods received in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph and it