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The New Zealand Minister to the Secretary of State

NEW ZEALAND LEGATION

Washington, D.C.

SIR:

As contracting parties to the United Nations Declaration of January 1, 1942,² the Governments of the United States of America and New Zealand pledged themselves to employ their full resources, military and economic, against those nations with which they are at war.

In the agreement of February 23, 1942,³ between the Governments of the United Kingdom and of the United States of America, the provisions and principles of which the Government of New Zealand considers applicable to its relations with the Government of the United States, 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 each may be in a position to supply.

It is the understanding of the Government of New Zealand that the general principle to be followed in providing such aid is that the war production and war resources of both nations should be used by each, in the ways which most effectively utilize available materials, manpower, production facilities and shipping space.

I now set forth the understanding of the Government of New Zealand of the principles and procedure applicable to the provision of aid by the Government of New Zealand to the armed forces of the United States and the manner in which such aid will be correlated with the maintenance of those forces by the United States Government.

1. While each Government retains the right of final decision, in the light of its own potentialities and responsibilities, decisions as to the most effective use of resources shall, so far as possible, be made in common, pursuant to common plans for winning the war.

¹ See also lend-lease settlement agreement of July 10, 1946 (TIAS 1536), *post*, p. 296.

² EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

³ EAS 241, *post*, vol. 12, UNITED KINGDOM.