MARINE TRANSPORTATION AND LITIGATION

Exchange of notes at Washington June 17 and 27, 1947, modifying agreement of December 4, 1942

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The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State

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His Majesty's Ambassador presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to inform him that, as the result of discussions between the Treasury Solicitor of the United Kingdom and the Attorney General of the United States concerning the further modification of the Agreement signed in London on the 4th December, 1942,¹ regarding mutual aid in matters of marine transportation and litigation, previously modified by the notes exchanged on the 25th March and the 7th May, 1946,² His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are prepared to enter into an agreement with the Government of the United States on the following terms:

For the purpose of the said Agreement, all cargoes belonging to or at the risk of either contracting Government shipped on board vessels belonging to or at the risk of the other contracting Government which are laden on board such vessels sailing at or after midnight 30th June, 1947, shall be considered in all respects as if the cargo were privately owned; and the provisions of the said Agreement shall cease to apply to such cargoes.

2. His Majesty's Ambassador therefore desires to suggest that if the above-mentioned provision meets with the concurrence of the Government of the United States, this memorandum and the Secretary of State's reply to that effect shall be considered as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

British Embassy, Washington, D.C. June 17th, 1947.

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¹ EAS 282, ante, p. 631.

² TIAS 1558, ante, p. 792.