

## LEND LEASE

*Exchange of notes at Washington September 3, 1942, supplementing  
agreement of February 23, 1942  
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*The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
*September 3, 1942*

SIR,

In the United Nations declaration of January 1, 1942,<sup>1</sup> the contracting governments pledged themselves to employ their full resources, military or economic, against those nations with which they are at war and in the Agreement of February 23, 1942,<sup>2</sup> 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 further the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the general principle to be followed in providing mutual aid as set forth in the said Agreement of February 23, 1942, is that the war production and the war resources of both Nations should be used by the armed forces of each and of the other United Nations in ways which most effectively utilize the available materials, manpower, production facilities and shipping space.

With a view, therefore, to supplementing Article 2 [II] and Article 6 [VI] of the Agreement of February 23, 1942, between our two Governments for the provisions of reciprocal aid, I have the honour to set forth below the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the principles and procedures applicable to the provision of aid by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 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.

<sup>1</sup> See also footnote 1, p. 603.

<sup>2</sup> EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

<sup>3</sup> EAS 241, *ante*, p. 603.