

# ECONOMIC FUSION OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH ZONES OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY

*Exchange of notes at Washington March 31, 1949, extending agreement  
of December 2, 1946, as amended and extended*

*Entered into force March 31, 1949*

*Expired June 30, 1949*

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*The Secretary of State to the British Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON  
March 31, 1949

## EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the discussions which have taken place between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States on the subject of the extension of the Agreement between the two Governments concerning the British and American Zones of Occupation in Germany.

The Government of the United States has had under consideration the obligation assumed by the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Kingdom under paragraph (A) of the exchange of notes between the two Governments of December 31, 1948,<sup>1</sup> to consult together before March 1, 1949 to consider the terms and conditions of a new Agreement for a further period.

At the time of this exchange of notes, it was hoped that prior to the expiration of the period for which the Agreement was extended the new arrangements relating to Germany arising out of the six-power talks held in London last spring would have matured and that it would be possible to negotiate a new agreement to include France. Since these arrangements have not yet matured, the Government of the United States believes that under the circumstances the most practical arrangement is an extension for a three month's period of the present Agreement, as amended by the change outlined below, with the understanding that it can be sooner terminated by mu-

<sup>1</sup> TIAS 1883, *ante*, p. 925.