

CLAIMS: MARINE TRANSPORTATION AND LITIGATION

*Exchange of notes at Washington March 25 and May 7, 1946, modifying
agreement of December 4, 1942
Entered into force May 7, 1946*

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The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
25th March, 1946

No. 174

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of October 10, 1945 (411.41 Ships/9-2045) in which notice was given that, in view of the termination of lend-lease by the Government of the United States, payments made by the United States Government on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in the course of operations under the Knock-for-Knock Agreement of December 4, 1942,¹ would be made under lend-lease only in cases where the claim arose prior to the expiration of 60 days following 12.01 a. m., September 2, 1945 (V-J Day).

2. You suggested in your Note that discussions should be held between the representatives of the Government of the United States and of His Majesty's Government concerning the continuation of the waiver features of the Knock-for-Knock Agreement of December 4, 1942, and the handling of mutual legal aid and payments under Article IV of that Agreement beyond the 60 day period mentioned above on some basis other than an accounting under the lend-lease Act.

3. I understand that the duly appointed representatives of our two Governments have now completed the discussion suggested in your Note under reference and I have the honour to state the agreement which the United Kingdom representatives report was reached as a result of those discussions:

¹ EAS 282, *ante*, p. 631.