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UNITED STATES-NEW ZEALAND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SETTING OUT PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE PROVISION OF MUTUAL AID.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

TEXT OF NOTE FROM NEW ZEALAND MINISTER IN WASHINGTON TO SECRETARY OF STATE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIR,—

New Zealand Legation,
Washington, D.C.

As contracting parties to the United Nations Declaration of January 1, 1942, 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, 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, man-power, 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.

2. As to financing the provision of such aid, within the fields mentioned below, it is my understanding that the general principle to be applied, to the point at which the common war effort is most effective, is that as large a portion as possible of the articles and services to be provided by each Government to the other shall be in the form of reciprocal aid so that the need of each Government for the currency of the other may be reduced to a minimum.

It is accordingly my understanding that the United States Government will provide, in accordance with the provisions of, and to the extent authorized under, the Act of March 11, 1941, the share of its production made available to New Zealand. The Government of New Zealand will provide on the same terms and as reciprocal aid so much of its production made available to the United States as it authorizes in accordance with the principles enunciated in this note.